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(57) Abstract

Two new isolates of the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), J1 and J7, are disclosed. These new isolates comprise nucleotide and amino acid sequences which are distinct from the prototype HCV isolate, HCV1. Thus, J1 and J7 provide new polynucleotides and polypeptides for use, inter alia, in diagnostics, recombinant protein production and vaccine development.

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NEW HCV ISOLATES

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### Technical Field

The present invention relates to new isolates of the viral class Hepatitis C, polypeptides,

polynucleotides and antibodies derived therefrom, as well as the use of such polypeptides, polynucleotides and antibodies in assays (e.g., immunoassays, nucleic acid hybridization assays, etc.) and in the production of viral polypeptides.

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#### Background

Non-A, Non-B hepatitis (NANBH) is a transmissible disease or family of diseases that are believed to be viral-induced, and that are distinguishable from other forms of viral-associated liver diseases, including that caused by the known hepatitis viruses, i.e., hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and delta hepatitis virus (HDV), as well as the hepatitis induced by cytomegalovirus (CMV) or Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). NANBH was first identified

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in transfused individuals. Transmission from man to chimpanzee and serial passage in chimpanzees provided evidence that NANBH is due to a transmissible infectious agent or agents. Epidemiologic evidence is suggestive that there may be three types of NANBH: the water-borne epidemic type; the blood or needle associated type; and the sporadically occurring (community acquired) type. However, until recently, no transmissible agent responsible for NANBH had not been identified.

10 Clinical diagnosis and identification of NANBH has been accomplished primarily by exclusion of other viral markers. Among the methods used to detect putative NANBH antigens and antibodies are agar-gel diffusion, counterimmunoelectrophoresis, immunofluorescence

15 microscopy, immune electron microscopy, radioimmunoassay, and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. However, none of these assays has proved to be sufficiently sensitive, specific, and reproducible to be used as a diagnostic test for NANBH.

20 Until recently there has been neither clarity nor agreement as to the identity or specificity of the antigen antibody systems associated with agents of NANBH. It is possible that NANBH is caused by more than one infectious agent and unclear what the serological assays detect in the serum of patients with NANBH.

In the past, a number of candidate NANBH agents were postulated. See, e.g., Prince (1983) Ann. Rev. Microbiol. 37:217; Feinstone & Hoofnagle (1984) New Eng. J. Med. 311:185; Overby (1985) Curr. Heptol. 5:49; Overby (1986) Curr. Heptol. 6:65; Overby (1987) Curr. Heptol. 7:35; and Iwarson (1987) British Med. J. 295:946. However, there is no proof that any of these candidates represent the etiological agent of NANBH.

In 1987, Houghton et al. cloned the first virus definitively linked to NANBH. See, e.g., EPO Pub. No.

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318,216; Houghton et al., Science 244:359 (1989). Houghton et al. described therein the cloning of an isolate from a new viral class, hepatitis C virus (HCV), the prototype isolate described therein being named "HCV1". HCV is a Flavi-like virus, with an RNA genome. Houghton et al. described the production of recombinant proteins from HCV sequences that are useful as diagnostic reagents, as well as polynucleotides useful in diagnostic hybridization assays and in the cloning of additional HCV isolates.

The demand for sensitive, specific methods for screening and identifying carriers of NANBH and NANBH contaminated blood or blood products is significant.

Post-transfusion hepatitis (PTH) occurs in approximately 10% of transfused patients, and NANBH accounts for up to 90% of these cases. There is a frequent progression to chronic liver damage (25-55%).

Patient care as well as the prevention of transmission of NANBH by blood and blood products or by close personal contact require reliable diagnostic and prognostic tools to detect nucleic acids, antigens and antibodies related to NANBH. In addition, there is also a need for effective vaccines and immunotherapeutic therapeutic agents for the prevention and/or treatment of the disease.

While at least one HCV isolate has been identified which is useful in meeting the above needs, additional isolates, particularly those with divergent a genome, may prove to have unique applications.

Summary of the Invention

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New isolates of HCV has been characterized from Japanese blood donors who have been implicated as NANBH carriers. These isolates exhibit nucleotide and amino acid sequence heterogeneity with respect to the prototype

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isolate, HCV1, in several viral domains. It is believed that these distinct sequences are of in importance, particularly in diagnostic assays and in vaccine development.

In one embodiment, the present invention provides a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least 15 bp from an HCV isolate substantially homologous to an isolate selected from the group J1 or J7, wherein said nucleotide sequence is distinct from the nucleotide sequence of HCV isolate HCV1.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least 15 bp encoding an amino acid sequence from a HCV isolate J1 or J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention provides a purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate substantially homologous to an isolate selected from the group J1 and J7, wherein said amino acid sequence is distinct from the sequence of the polypeptides encoded by the HCV isolate HCV1.

Still another embodiment of the present invention provides a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from a HCV isolate J1 or J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1 and the polypeptide is immobilized on a solid support.

In a further embodiment of the present
invention, an immunoassay for detecting the presence of
anti-HCV antibodies in a test sample is provided
comprising: (a) incubating the test sample under
conditions that allow the formation of antigen-antibody
complexes with an immunogenic polypeptide comprising an
amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate substantially

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homologous to an isolate selected from the group J1 and J7, wherein the amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; and (b) detecting an antigen-antibody complex comprising the immunogenic polypeptide.

The present invention also provides a composition comprising anti-HCV antibodies that bind an HCV epitope substantially free of antibodies that do not bind an HCV epitope, wherein: (a) the HCV epitope comprises an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate substantially homologous to an isolate selected from the group J1 and J7, wherein the amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; and (b) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is not immunologically cross-reactive with HCV1.

A further embodiment of the present invention provides an immunoassay for detecting the presence of an HCV polypeptide in a test sample comprising: (a) incubating the test sample under conditions that allow the formation of antigen-antibody complexes with anti-HCV antibodies that bind an HCV epitope wherein: (i) the HCV epitope comprises an amino acid sequence from a HCV isolate J1 or J7; (ii) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; and (iii) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is not immunologically cross-reactive with HCV1; and (b) detecting an antigen-antibody complex comprising the anti-HCV antibodies.

Also provided by the present invention is a method of producing anti-HCV antibodies comprising administering to a mammal a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from a HCV isolate J1 or J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1 whereby the mammal produces anti-HCV antibodies.

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Yet another embodiment of the present invention provides a method of detecting HCV polynucleotides in a test sample comprising: (a) providing a probe comprising the DNA molecule of claim 1; (b) contacting the test sample and the probe under conditions that allow for the formation of a polynucleotide duplex between the probe and its complement in the absence of substantial polynucleotide duplex formation between the probe and non-HCV polynucleotide sequences present in the test sample; and (c) detecting any polynucleotide duplexes comprising the probe.

A still further embodiment of the present invention provides a method of producing a recombinant polypeptide comprising an HCV amino acid sequence, the method comprising: (a) providing host cells transformed by a DNA construct comprising a control sequences for the host cell operably linked to a coding sequence encoding an amino acid sequence from a HCV isolate J1 or J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; (b) growing the host cells under conditions whereby the coding sequence transcribed and translated into the recombinant polypeptide; and (c) recovering the recombinant polypeptide.

These and other embodiments of the present invention will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in view of the following description.

## Brief Description of the Figures

Figure 1 shows the consensus sequence of the coding strand of a fragment from the J7 C/E domain with the heterogeneities.

Figure 2 shows the consensus sequence of the coding strand of a fragment from the J1 E domain with the heterogeneities.

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Figure 3 shows the consensus sequence of the coding strand of a fragment of the J1 E/NS1 domain with the heterogeneities.

Figure 4 shows the consensus sequence of the coding strand of a fragment from the J1 NS3 domain with the heterogeneities.

Figure 5 shows the consensus sequence of the coding strand of a fragment from the J1 NS5 domain with the heterogeneities.

Figure 6 shows the homology of the J7 C/E consensus sequence with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1.

Figure 7 shows the homology of the J1 E consensus sequence with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1.

Figure 8 shows the homology of the J1 E/NS1 consensus sequence with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1.

Figure 9 shows the homology of the J1 NS3

consensus sequence with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1.

Figure 10 shows the homology of the J1 NS5 consensus sequence with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1.

Figure 11 shows the putative genomic organization of the HCV1 genome.

Figure 12 shows the nucleotide sequence of the ORF of HCV1. In the figure nucleotide number 1 is the first A of the putative initiating methionine of the large ORF; nucleotides upstream of this nucleotide are numbered with negative numbers.

Figure 13 shows the consensus sequence of the coding strand of a fragment from the J1 NS1 domain (J1 1519) with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain

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from HCV1. Also shown are the amino acids encoded therein.

Figure 14 shows a composite of the consensus sequence from the core to the NS1 domain of J1 with the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1. Also shown are the amino acids encoded therein.

Figure 15 shows a consensus sequence of the coding strand of the NS1 domain of J1, as determined in Example IV. Also shown are the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1, and the amino acids encoded in the HCV1 and J1 sequences.

Figure 16 shows a consensus sequence of a coding strand of the C200 region of the NS3-NS4 domain of J1. Also shown are the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1. Also shown are the amino acids encoded in the sequences.

Figure 17 shows a consensus sequence of the coding strand of the NS1 domain of J1, as determined in Example V. Also shown are the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1, and the amino acids encoded in the sequences.

Figure 18 shows a consensus sequence of the coding strand of the untranslated and core domains of J1. Also shown are the nucleotide sequence of the same domain from HCV1, and the amino acids encoded in the sequences.

## Detailed Description of the Invention

The practice of the present invention will

employ, unless otherwise indicated, conventional
techniques of molecular biology, microbiology,
recombinant DNA techniques, and immunology, which are
within the skill of the art. Such techniques are
explained fully in the literature. See e.g., Maniatis,

Fitsch & Sambrook, MOLECULAR CLONING; A LABORATORY MANUAL

(1982); DNA CLONING, VOLUMES I AND II (D.N Glover ed. 1985); OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SYNTHESIS (M.J. Gait ed, 1984); NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION (B.D. Hames & S.J. Higgins eds. 1984); TRANSCRIPTION AND TRANSLATION (B.D. Hames & S.J. Higgins eds. 1984); ANIMAL CELL CULTURE (R.I. Freshney ed. 1986); IMMOBILIZED CELLS AND ENZYMES (IRL Press, 1986); B. Perbal, A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MOLECULAR CLONING (1984); the series, METHODS IN ENZYMOLOGY (Academic Press, Inc.); GENE TRANSFER VECTORS FOR MAMMALIAN CELLS (J.H. Miller and M.P. Calos eds. 1987, 10 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory), Methods in Enzymology Vol. 154 and Vol. 155 (Wu and Grossman, and Wu, eds., respectively), Mayer and Walker, eds. (1987), IMMUNOCHEMICAL METHODS IN CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY 15 (Academic Press, London), Scopes, (1987), PROTEIN PURIFICATION: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE, Second Edition (Springer-Verlag, N.Y.), and HANDBOOK OF EXPERIMENTAL IM-MUNOLOGY, VOLUMES I-IV (D.M. Weir and C. C. Blackwell eds 1986). All patents, patent applications, and other publications mentioned herein, both supra and infra, are 20 hereby incorporated herein by reference. The term "hepatitis C virus" has been reserved

by workers in the field for an heretofore unknown etiologic agent of NANBH. Accordingly, as used herein, "hepatitis C virus" (HCV) refers to an agent causative of 25 NANBH, which was formerly referred to as NANBV and/or BB-NANBV from the class of the prototype isolate, HCV1, described by Houghton et al. See, e.g., EPO Pub. No. 318,216 and U.S. Patent App. Serial No. 355,002, filed 19 May 1989 (available in non-U.S. applications claiming 30 priority therefrom), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. The nucleotide sequence and putative amino acid sequence of HCV1 is shown in Figure 6. The terms HCV, NANBV, and BB-NANBV are used interchangeably herein. As an extension of this 35

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terminology, the disease caused by HCV, formerly called NANB hepatitis (NANBH), is called hepatitis C. The terms NANBH and hepatitis C may be used interchangeably herein. The term "HCV", as used herein, denotes a viral species of which pathogenic strains cause NANBH, as well as attenuated strains or defective interfering particles derived therefrom.

HCV is a Flavi-like virus. The morphology and composition of Flavivirus particles are known, and are discussed by Brinton (1986) THE VIRUSES: THE TOGAVIRIDAE AND FLAVIVIRIDAE (Series eds. Fraenkel-Conrat and Wagner, vol eds. Schlesinger and Schlesinger, Plenum Press), p.327-374. Generally, with respect to morphology, Flaviviruses contain a central nucleocapsid surrounded by a lipid bilayer. Virions are spherical and have a diameter of about 40-50 nm. Their cores are about 25-30 nm in diameter. Along the outer surface of the virion envelope are projections that are about 5-10 nm long with terminal knobs about 2 nm in diameter.

20 The HCV genome is comprised of RNA. It is known that RNA containing viruses have relatively high rates of spontaneous mutation, i.e., reportedly on the order of 10<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>-4</sup> per incorporated nucleotide. Therefore, there are multiple strains,

25 which may be virulent or avirulent, within the HCV class or species.

It is believed that the genome of HCV isolates is comprised of a single ORF of approximately 9,000 nucleotides to approximately 12,000 nucleotides, encoding a polyprotein similar in size to that of HCV1, an encoded polyprotein of similar hydrophobic and antigenic character to that of HCV1, and the presence of co-linear peptide sequences that are conserved with HCV1. In addition, the genome is believed to be a positive-stranded RNA.

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Isolates of HCV comprise epitopes that are immunologically cross-reactive with epitopes in the HCV1 genome. At least some of these are epitopes unique to HCV when compared to other known Flaviviruses. The uniqueness of the epitope may be determined by its immunological reactivity with anti-HCV antibodies and lack of immunological reactivity with antibodies to other Flavivirus species. Methods for determining immunological reactivity are known in the art, for example, by radioimmunoassay, by ELISA assay, by hemagglutination, and several examples of suitable techniques for assays are provided herein.

It is also expected that the overall homology of HCV isolates and HCV1 genomes at the nucleotide level probably will be about 40% or greater, probably about 60% or greater, and even more probably about 80% to about 90% or greater. In addition that there are many corresponding contiguous sequences of at least about 13 nucleotides that are fully homologous. The correspondence between the sequence from a new isolate and the HCV1 sequence can be determined by techniques known in the art. For example, they can be determined by a direct comparison of the sequence information of the polynucleotide from the new isolate and HCV1 sequences. Alternatively, homology can be determined by hybridization of the polynucleotides under conditions which form stable duplexes between homologous regions (for example, those which would be used prior to  $S_1$  digestion), followed by digestion with single-stranded specific nuclease(s), followed by size determination of the digested fragments.

Because of the evolutionary relationship of the strains or isolates of HCV, putative HCV strains or isolates are identifiable by their homology at the polypeptide level. Thus, new HCV isolates are expected to be more than about 40% homologous, probably more than

about 70% homologous, and even more probably more than about 80% homologous, and possibly even more than about 90% homologous at the polypeptide level. The techniques for determining amino acid sequence homology are known in the art. For example, the amino acid sequence may be determined directly and compared to the sequences provided herein. Alternatively the nucleotide sequence of the genomic material of the putative HCV may be determined, the amino acid sequence encoded therein can be determined, and the corresponding regions compared.

The ORF of HCV1 is shown in Figure 12. non-structural, core, and envelope domains of the polyprotein have been predicted for HCV1 (Figure 5). "C", or core, polypeptide is believed to be encoded from the 5' terminus to about nucleotide 345 of HCV1. 15 putative "E", or envelope, domain of HCV1 is believed to be encoded from about nucleotide 346 to about nucleotide 1050. Putative NS1, or non-structural one domain, is thought to be encoded from about nucleotide 1051 to about nucleotide 1953. For the remaining domains, putative NS2 20 is thought to be encoded from about nucleotide 1954 to about nucleotide 3018, putative NS3 from about nucleotide 3019 to about nucleotide 4950, putative NS4 from about nucleotide 4951 to about nucleotide 6297, and putative NS5 from about nucleotide 6298 to the 3' terminus 25 respectively. The above boundaries are approximations based on an analysis of the ORF. The exact boundaries can be determined by those skilled in the art in view of the disclosure herein.

"HCV/J1" or "J1" and "HCV/J7" or "J7" refer to new HCV isolates characterized by the nucleotide sequence disclosed herein, as well as related isolates that are substantially homologous thereto; i.e., at least about 90% or about 95% at the nucleotide level. It is believed that the sequences disclosed herein characterize an HCV

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subclass that is predominant in Japan and other Asian and/or Pacific rim countries. Additional J1 and J7 isolates can be obtained in view of the disclosure herein and EPO Pub. No. 318,216. In particular, the J1 and J7 nucleotide sequences disclosed herein, as well as the HCV1 sequences in Figure 12, can be used as primers or probes to clone additional domains of J1, J7, or additional isolates.

As used herein, a nucleotide sequence "from" a designated sequence or source refers to a nucleotide sequence that is homologous (i.e., identical) to or complementary to the designated sequence or source, or a portion thereof. The J1 sequences provided herein are a minimum of about 6 nucleotides, preferably about 8 nucleotides, more preferably about 15 nucleotides, and most preferably 20 nucleotides or longer. The maximum length is the complete viral genome.

In some aspects of the invention, the sequence of the region from which the polynucleotide is derived is preferably homologous to or complementary to a sequence which is unique to an HCV genome or the J1 and J7 genome. Whether or not a sequence is unique to a genome can be determined by techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, the sequence can be compared to sequences in databanks, e.g., Genebank, to determine whether it is present in the uninfected host or other organisms. The sequence can also be compared to the known sequences of other viral agents, including those which are known to induce hepatitis, e.g., HAV, HBV, and HDV, and to other members of the Flaviviridae. correspondence or non-correspondence of the derived sequence to other sequences can also be determined by hybridization under the appropriate stringency conditions. Hybridization techniques for determining the complementarity of nucleic acid sequences are known in

the art. See also, for example, Maniatis et al. (1982) MOLECULAR CLONING; A LABORATORY MANUAL (Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.). In addition, mismatches of duplex polynucleotides formed by

hybridization can be determined by known techniques, including for example, digestion with a nuclease such as S1 that specifically digests single-stranded areas in duplex polynucleotides. Regions from which typical DNA sequences may be derived include, but are not limited to, regions encoding specific epitopes, as well as non-transcribed and/or non-translated regions.

The J1 of J7 polynucleotide is not necessarily physically derived from the nucleotide sequence shown, but may be generated in any manner, including for example, chemical synthesis or DNA replication or reverse 15 transcription or transcription. In addition, combinations of regions corresponding to that of the designated sequence may be modified in ways known in the art to be consistent with an intended use.

polynucleotides may also include one or more labels, 20 which are known to those of skill in the art.

An amino acid sequence "from" a designated polypeptide or source of polypeptides means that the amino acid sequence is homologous (i.e., identical) to the sequence of the designated polypeptide, or a portion 25 thereof. An amino acid sequence "from" a designated nucleic acid sequence refers to a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence identical to that of a polypeptide encoded in the sequence, or a portion thereof. The J1 or J7 amino acid sequences in the polypeptides of the 30 present invention are at least about 5 amino acids in length, preferably at least about 10 amino acids, more preferably at least about 15 amino acids, and most preferably at least about 20 amino acids.

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The polypeptides of the present invention are not necessarily translated from a designated nucleic acid sequence; the polypeptides may be generated in any manner, including for example, chemical synthesis, or expression of a recombinant expression system, or isolation from virus. The polypeptides may include one or more analogs of amino acids or unnatural amino acids. Methods of inserting analogs of amino acids into a sequence are known in the art. The polypeptides may also include one or more labels, which are known to those of skill in the art.

The term "recombinant polynucleotide" as used herein intends a polynucleotide of genomic, cDNA, semisynthetic, or synthetic origin which, by virtue of its origin or manipulation: (1) is linked to a polynucleotide other than that to which it is linked in nature, or (2) does not occur in nature.

The term "polynucleotide" as used herein refers to a polymeric form of nucleotides of any length, either ribonucleotides or deoxyribonucleotides. This term 20 refers only to the primary structure of the molecule. Thus, this term includes double- and single-stranded DNA, and RNA. It also includes known types of modifications, for example, labels which are known in the art, methylation, "caps", substitution of one or more of the 25 naturally occurring nucleotides with an analog, internucleotide modifications such as, for example, those with uncharged linkages (e.g., methyl phosphonates, phosphotriesters, phosphoamidates, carbamates, etc.) and with charged linkages (e.g., phosphorothioates, 30 phosphorodithicates, etc.), those containing pendant moieties, such as, for example proteins (including for e.g., nucleases, toxins, antibodies, signal peptides, poly-L-lysine, etc.), those with intercalators (e.g., acridine, psoralen, etc.), those containing chelators

(e.g., metals, radioactive metals, boron, oxidative metals, etc.), those containing alkylators, those with modified linkages (e.g., alpha anomeric nucleic acids, etc.), as well as unmodified forms of the polynucleotide.

"Purified polynucleotide" refers to a composition comprising a specified polynucleotide that is substantially free of other components, such composition typically comprising at least about 70% of the specified polynucleotide, more typically at least about 80%, 90% or even 95% to 99% of the specified polynucleotide.

"Purified polypeptide" refers to a composition comprising a specified polypeptide that is substantially free of other components, such composition typically comprising at least about 70% of the specified

polypeptide, more typically at least about 80%, 90% or even 95% to 99% of the specified polypeptide.

"Recombinant host cells", "host cells",
"cells", "cell lines", "cell cultures", and other such
terms denote microorganisms or higher eukaryotic cell
lines cultured as unicellular entities that can be, or
have been, used as recipients for a recombinant vector or
other transfer DNA, and include the progeny of the
original cell which has been transformed. It is
understood that the progeny of a single parental cell may
not necessarily be completely identical in morphology or
in genomic or total DNA complement as the original
parent, due to natural, accidental, or deliberate
mutation.

A "replicon" is any genetic element, e.g., a plasmid, a chromosome, a virus, a cosmid, etc. that behaves as an autonomous unit of polynucleotide replication within a cell; i.e., capable of replication under its own control.

A "cloning vector" is a replicon that can 35 transform a selected host cell and in which another

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polynucleotide segment is attached, so as to bring about the replication and/or expression of the attached segment. Typically, cloning vectors include plasmids, virus (e.g., bacteriophage vector) and cosmids.

An "integrating vector" is a vector that does not behave as a replicon in a selected host cell, but has the ability to integrate into a replicon (typically a chromosome) resident in the selected host to stably transform the host.

An "expression vector" is a construct that can transform a selected host cell and provides for expression of a heterologous coding sequence in the selected host. Expression vectors can be either a cloning vector or an integrating vector.

A "coding sequence" is a polynucleotide sequence which is transcribed into mRNA and/or translated into a polypeptide when placed under the control of appropriate regulatory sequences. The boundaries of the coding sequence are determined by a translation start codon at the 5'-terminus and a translation stop codon at the 3'-terminus. A coding sequence can include, but is not limited to mRNA, cDNA, and recombinant polynucleotide sequences.

"Control sequence" refers to polynucleotide regulatory sequences which are necessary to effect the 25 expression of coding sequences to which they are ligated. The nature of such control sequences differs depending upon the host organism. In prokaryotes, control sequences generally include promoter, ribosomal binding 30 site, and terminators. In eukaryotes generally control sequences include promoters, terminators and, in some instances, enhancers. The term "control sequences" is intended to include, at a minimum, all components the presence of which are necessary for expression, and may also include additional advantageous components. 35

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"Operably linked" refers to a juxtaposition wherein the components so described are in a relationship permitting them to function in their intended manner. A control sequence "operably linked" to a coding sequence is ligated in such a way that expression of the coding sequence is achieved under conditions compatible with the control sequences.

An "open reading frame" or ORF is a region of a polynucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide; this region may represent a portion of a coding sequence or a total coding sequence.

"Immunologically cross-reactive" refers to two or more epitopes or polypeptides that are bound by the same antibody. Cross-reactivity can be determined by any of a number of immunoassay techniques, such as a competition assay.

As used herein, the term "antibody" refers to a polypeptide or group of polypeptides which comprise at least one epitope. An "antigen binding site" is formed from the folding of the variable domains of an antibody 20 molecule(s) to form three-dimensional binding sites with an internal surface shape and charge distribution complementary to the features of an epitope of an antigen, which allows specific binding to form an antibody-antigen complex. An antigen binding site may be 25 formed from a heavy- and/or light-chain domain (VH and VL, respectively), which form hypervariable loops which contribute to antigen binding. The term "antibody" includes, without limitation, chimeric antibodies, altered antibodies, univalent antibodies, Fab proteins, 30 and single-domain antibodies. In many cases, the biding phenomena of antibodies to antigens is equivalent to other ligand/anti-ligand binding.

As used herein, a "single domain antibody"

35 (dAb) is an antibody which is comprised of an HL domain,

which binds specifically with a designated antigen. A dAb does not contain a VL domain, but may contain other antigen binding domains known to exist to antibodies, for example, the kappa and lambda domains. Methods for preparing dAbs are known in the art. See, for example, Ward et al, Nature 341: 544 (1989).

Antibodies may also be comprised of VH and VL domains, as well as other known antigen binding domains. Examples of these types of antibodies and methods for their preparation and known in the art (see, e.g., U.S. 10 Patent No. 4,816,467, which is incorporated herein by reference), and include the following. For example, "vertebrate antibodies" refers to antibodies which are tetramers or aggregates thereof, comprising light and heavy chains which are usually aggregated in a "Y" 15 configuration and which may or may not have covalent linkages between the chains. In vertebrate antibodies, the amino acid sequences of the chains are homologous with those sequences found in antibodies produced in vertebrates, whether in situ or in vitro (for example, in 20 hybridomas). Vertebrate antibodies include, for example, purified polyclonal antibodies and monoclonal antibodies, methods for the preparation of which are described infra.

"Hybrid antibodies" are antibodies where chains
are separately homologous with reference to mammalian
antibody chains and represent novel assemblies of them,
so that two different antigens are precipitable by the
tetramer or aggregate. In hybrid antibodies, one pair of
heavy and light chains are homologous to those found in
an antibody raised against a first antigen, while a
second pair of chains are homologous to those found in an
antibody raised against a second antibody. This results
in the property of "divalence", i.e., the ability to bind
two antigens simultaneously. Such hybrids may also be
formed using chimeric chains, as set forth below.

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"Chimeric antibodies" refers to antibodies in which the heavy and/or light chains are fusion proteins. Typically, one portion of the amino acid sequences of the chain is homologous to corresponding sequences in an antibody derived from a particular species or a particular class, while the remaining segment of the chain is homologous to the sequences derived from another species and/or class. Usually, the variable region of both light and heavy chains mimics the variable regions or antibodies derived from one species of vertebrates, while the constant portions are homologous to the sequences in the antibodies derived from another species of vertebrates. However, the definition is not limited to this particular example. Also included is any antibody in which either or both of the heavy or light chains are composed of combinations of sequences mimicking the sequences in antibodies of different sources, whether these sources be from differing classes or different species of origin, and whether or not the fusion point is at the variable/constant boundary. it is possible to produce antibodies in which neither the constant nor the variable region mimic know antibody sequences. It then becomes possible, for example, to construct antibodies whose variable region has a higher specific affinity for a particular antigen, or whose constant region can elicit enhanced complement fixation, or to make other improvements in properties possessed by a particular constant region.

Another example is "altered antibodies", which
refers to antibodies in which the naturally occurring
amino acid sequence in a vertebrate antibody has been
varies. Utilizing recombinant DNA techniques, antibodies
can be redesigned to obtain desired characteristics. The
possible variations are many, and range from the changing
of one or more amino acids to the complete redesign of a

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region, for example, the constant region. Changes in the constant region, in general, to attain desired cellular process characteristics, e.g., changes in complement fixation, interaction with membranes, and other effector functions. Changes in the variable region may be made to alter antigen binding characteristics. The antibody may also be engineered to aid the specific delivery of a molecule or substance to a specific cell or tissue site. The desired alterations may be made by known techniques in molecular biology, e.g., recombinant techniques, sitedirected mutagenesis, etc.

Yet another example are "univalent antibodies", which are aggregates comprised of a heavy-chain/lightchain dimer bound to the Fc (i.e., stem) region of a second heavy chain. This type of antibody escapes 15 antigenic modulation. See, e.g., Glennie et al. Nature 295: 712 (1982). Included also within the definition of antibodies are "Fab" fragments of antibodies. region refers to those portions of the heavy and light chains which are roughly equivalent, or analogous, to the sequences which comprise the branch portion of the heavy and light chains, and which have been shown to exhibit immunological binding to a specified antigen, but which lack the effector Fc portion. "Fab" includes aggregates of one heavy and one light chain (commonly known as 25 Fab'), as well as tetramers containing the 2H and 2L chains (referred to as F(ab)2), which are capable of selectively reacting with a designated antigen or antigen family. Fab antibodies may be divided into subsets 30 analogous to those described above, i.e., "vertebrate Fab", "hybrid Fab", "chimeric Fab", and "altered Fab". Methods of producing Fab fragments of antibodies are known within the art and include, for example, proteolysis, and synthesis by recombinant techniques.

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"Epitope" refers to an antibody binding site usually defined by a polypeptide, but also by non-amino acid haptens. An epitope could comprise 3 amino acids in a spatial conformation which is unique to the epitope, generally an epitope consists of at least 5 such amino acids, and more usually, consists of at least 8-10 such amino acids.

"Antigen-antibody complex" refers to the complex formed by an antibody that is specifically bound to an epitope on an antigen.

"Immunogenic polypeptide" refers to a polypeptide that elicits a cellular and/or humoral immune response in a mammal, whether alone or linked to a carrier, in the presence or absence of an adjuvant.

"Polypeptide" refers to a polymer of amino acids and does not refer to a specific length of the molecule. Thus, peptides, oligopeptides, and proteins are included within the definition of polypeptide. This term also does not refer to or exclude post-expression modifications of the polypeptide, for example, glycosylations, acetylations, phosphorylations and the like. Included within the definition are, for example, polypeptides containing one or more analogs of an amino acid (including, for example, unnatural amino acids, etc.), polypeptides with substituted linkages, as well as other modifications known in the art, both naturally occurring and non-naturally occurring.

"Transformation", as used herein, refers to the insertion of an exogenous polynucleotide into a host cell, irrespective of the method used for the insertion, for example, direct uptake, transduction, f-mating or electroporation. The exogenous polynucleotide may be maintained as a non-integrated vector, for example, a plasmid, or alternatively, may be integrated into the host genome.

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A "transformed" host cell refers to both the immediate cell that has undergone transformation and its progeny that maintain the originally exogenous polynucleotide.

5 "Treatment" as used herein refers to prophylaxis and/or therapy.

"Individual", refers to vertebrates, particularly members of the mammalian species, and includes but is not limited to domestic animals, sports animals, and primates, including humans.

"Sense strand" refers to the strand of a double-stranded DNA molecule that is homologous to a mRNA transcript thereof. The "anti-sense strand" contains a sequence which is complementary to that of the "sense strand".

"Antibody-containing body component" refers to a component of an individual's body which is a source of the antibodies of interest. Antibody-containing body components are known in the art, and include but are not limited to, whole blood and components thereof, plasma, serum, spinal fluid, lymph fluid, the external sections of the respiratory, intestinal, and genitourinary tracts, tears, saliva, milk, white blood cells, and myelomas.

"Purified HCV" isolate refers to a preparation
of HCV particles which has been isolated from the cellular constituents with which the virus is normally associated, and from other types of viruses which may be
present in the infected tissue. The techniques for
isolating viruses are known to those of skill in the art,
and include, for example, centrifugation and affinity
chromatography.

An HCV "particle" is an entire virion, as well as particles which are intermediates in virion formation. HCV particles generally have one or more HCV proteins associated with the HCV nucleic acid.

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"Probe" refers to a polynucleotide which forms a hybrid structure with a sequence in a target polynucleotide, due to complementarity of at least one region in the probe with a region in the target.

"Biological sample" refers to a sample of tissue or fluid isolated from an individual, including but not limited to, for example, whole blood and components thereof, plasma, serum, spinal fluid, lymph fluid, the external sections of the skin, respiratory, intestinal, and genitourinary tracts, tears, saliva, milk, blood cells, tumors, organs, and also samples of in vitro cell culture constituents (including but not limited to conditioned medium resulting from the growth of cells in cell culture medium, putatively virally infected cells, recombinant cells, and cell components).

The invention pertains to the isolation and characterization of a newly discovered isolate of HCV, J1 and J7, their nucleotide sequences, their protein sequences and resulting polynucleotides, polypeptides and antibodies derived therefrom. Isolates J1 and J7 are novel in their nucleotide and amino acid sequences, and is believed to characteristic of HCV isolates from Japan and other Asian countries.

and HCV/J7 are useful as probes to diagnose the presence of virus in samples, and to isolate other naturally occurring variants of the virus. These nucleotide sequences also make available polypeptide sequences of HCV antigens encoded within the J1 and J7 genome and permits the production of polypeptides which are useful as standards or reagents in diagnostic tests and/or as components of vaccines. Antibodies, both polyclonal and monoclonal, directed against HCV epitopes contained within these polypeptide sequences are also useful for diagnostic tests, as therapeutic agents, for screening of

antiviral agents, and for the isolation of the NANBH In addition, by utilizing probes derived from the sequences disclosed herein it is possible to isolate and sequence other portions of the J1 and J7 genome, thus giving rise to additional probes and polypeptides which are useful in the diagnosis and/or treatment, both prophylactic and therapeutic, of NANBH.

The availability of the HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 nucleotide sequences enable the construction of polynucleotide probes and polypeptides useful in 10 diagnosing NANBH due to HCV infection and in screening blood donors as well as donated blood and blood products for infection. For example, from the sequences it is possible to synthesize DNA oligomers of about 8-10 nucleotides, or larger, which are useful as hybridization 15 probes to detect the presence of HCV RNA in, for example, sera of subjects suspected of harboring the virus, or for screening donated blood for the presence of the virus. The HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 sequences also allow the design and production of HCV specific polypeptides which are useful 20 as diagnostic reagents for the presence of antibodies raised during NANBH. Antibodies to purified polypeptides derived from the HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 sequences may also be used to detect viral antigens in infected individuals and in blood.

Knowledge of these HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 sequences also enable the design and production of polypeptides which may be used as vaccines against HCV and also for the production of antibodies, which in turn may be used for protection against the disease, and/or for therapy of 30 HCV infected individuals. Moreover, the disclosed HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 sequences enable further characterization of the HCV genome. Polynucleotide probes derived from these sequences, as well as from the HCV genome, may be used to 35 screen cDNA libraries for additional viral cDNA

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sequences, which, in turn, may be used to obtain additional overlapping sequences. See, e.g., EPO Pub. No. 318,216.

The HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 polynucleotide sequences,

the polypeptides derived therefrom and the antibodies directed against these polypeptides, are useful in the isolation and identification of the BB-NANBV agent(s). For example, antibodies directed against HCV epitopes contained in polypeptides derived from the HCV/J1 sequences may be used in processes based upon affinity chromatography to isolate the virus. Alternatively, the antibodies may be used to identify viral particles isolated by other techniques. The viral antigens and the genomic material within the isolated viral particles may then be further characterized.

The information obtained from further sequencing of the HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 genome, as well as from further characterization of the HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 antigens and characterization of the genomes enable the design and synthesis of additional probes and polypeptides and antibodies which may be used for diagnosis, for prevention, and for therapy of HCV induced NANBH, and for screening for infected blood and blood-related products.

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The availability of HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 cDNA sequences permits the construction of expression vectors encoding antigenically active regions of the polypeptide encoded in either strand. These antigenically active regions may be derived from coat or envelope antigens or from core antigens, or from antigens which are non-structural including, for example, polynucleotide binding proteins, polynucleotide polymerase(s), and other viral proteins required for the replication and/or assembly of the virus particle. Fragments encoding the desired polypeptides are derived from the cDNA clones

using conventional restriction digestion or by synthetic methods, and are ligated into vectors which may, for example, contain portions of fusion sequences such as beta-galactosidase or superoxide dismutase (SOD). Methods and vectors which are useful for the production of polypeptides which contain fusion sequences of SOD are described in EPO Pub. No. 196,056. Vectors encoding fusion polypeptides of SOD and HCV polypeptides are described in EPO Pub. No. 318,216. Any desired portion of the HCV cDNA containing an open reading frame, in either sense strand, can be obtained as a recombinant polypeptide, such as a mature or fusion protein. Alternatively, a polypeptide encoded in the cDNA can be provided by chemical synthesis.

15 The DNA encoding the desired polypeptide, whether in fused or mature form, and whether or not containing a signal sequence to permit secretion, may be ligated into expression vectors suitable for any convenient host. Both eukaryotic and prokaryotic host systems are presently used in forming recombinant polypeptides, and a summary of some of the more common control systems and host cell is given below. polypeptide produced in such host cells is then isolated from lysed cells or from the culture medium and purified to the extent needed for its intended use. Purification 25 may be by techniques known in the art, for example, differential extraction, salt fractionation, chromatography on ion exchange resins, affinity chromatography, centrifugation, and the like. See, for example, Methods in Enzymology for a variety of methods 30 for purifying proteins.

Such recombinant or synthetic HCV polypeptides can be used as diagnostics, or those which give rise to neutralizing antibodies may be formulated into vaccines. Antibodies raised against these polypeptides can also be

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used as diagnostics, or for passive immunotherapy. In addition, antibodies to these polypeptides are useful for isolating and identifying HCV particles.

The HCV antigens may also be isolated from HCV virions. The virions may be grown in HCV infected cells in tissue culture, or in an infected host.

While the polypeptides of the present invention may comprise a substantially complete viral domain, in many applications all that is required is that the polypeptide comprise an antigenic or immunogenic region of the virus. An antigenic region of a polypeptide is generally relatively small—typically 8 to 10 amino acids or less in length. Fragments of as few as 5 amino acids may characterize an antigenic region. These segments may correspond to regions of HCV/J1 or HCV/J& epitopes. Accordingly, using the cDNAs of HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 as a basis, DNAs encoding short segments of HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 polypeptides can be expressed recombinantly either as fusion proteins, or as isolated polypeptides. In addition, short amino acid sequences can be conveniently obtained by chemical synthesis.

In instances wherein the synthesized polypeptide is correctly configured so as to provide the correct epitope, but is too small to be immunogenic, the polypeptide may be linked to a suitable carrier. A number of techniques for obtaining such linkage are known in the art, including the formation of disulfide linkages using N-succinimidyl-3-(2-pyridyl-thio)propionate (SPDP) and succinimidyl 4-(N-maleimido-methyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (SMCC) obtained from Pierce Company, Rockford, Illinois, (if the peptide lacks a sulfhydryl group, this can be provided by addition of a cysteine residue.) These reagents create a disulfide linkage between themselves and peptide cysteine residues on one

protein and an amide linkage through the epsilon-amino on

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a lysine, or other free amino group in the other. A variety of such disulfide/amide-forming agents are known. See, for example, Immun. Rev. (1982) 62:185. Other bifunctional coupling agents form a thioether rather than a disulfide linkage. Many of these thio-ether-forming 5 agents are commercially available and include reactive esters of 6-maleimidocaproic acid, 2-bromoacetic acid, 2-iodoacetic acid, 4-(N-maleimido-methyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid, and the like. The carboxyl groups can be activated by combining them with succinimide or 10 1-hydroxyl-2-nitro-4-sulfonic acid, sodium salt. Additional methods of coupling antigens employs the rotavirus/"binding peptide" system described in EPO Pub. No. 259,149, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing list is not meant to 15 be exhaustive, and modifications of the named compounds can clearly be used.

Any carrier may be used which does not itself induce the production of antibodies harmful to the host. Suitable carriers are typically large, slowly metabolized macromolecules such as proteins; polysaccharides, such as latex functionalized sepharose, agarose, cellulose, cellulose beads and the like; polymeric amino acids, such as polyglutamic acid, polylysine, and the like; amino acid copolymers; and inactive virus particles. Especially useful protein substrates are serum albumins, keyhole limpet hemocyanin, immunoglobulin molecules, thyroglobulin, ovalbumin, tetanus toxoid, and other proteins well known to those skilled in the art.

In addition to full-length viral proteins, polypeptides comprising truncated HCV amino acid sequences encoding at least one viral epitope are useful immunological reagents. For example, polypeptides comprising such truncated sequences can be used as reagents in an immunoassay. These polypeptides also are

candidate subunit antigens in compositions for antiserum production or vaccines. While these truncated sequences can be produced by various known treatments of native viral protein, it is generally preferred to make synthetic or recombinant polypeptides comprising an HCV sequence. Polypeptides comprising these truncated HCV sequences can be made up entirely of HCV sequences (one

sequence. Polypeptides comprising these truncated HCV sequences can be made up entirely of HCV sequences (one or more epitopes, either contiguous or noncontiguous), or HCV sequences and heterologous sequences in a fusion protein. Useful heterologous sequences include sequences

protein. Useful heterologous sequences include sequences that provide for secretion from a recombinant host, enhance the immunological reactivity of the HCV epitope(s), or facilitate the coupling of the polypeptide to an immunoassay support or a vaccine carrier. See,

e.g., EPO Pub. No. 116,201; U.S. Pat. No. 4,722,840; EPO Pub. No. 259,149; U.S. Pat. No. 4,629,783, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The size of polypeptides comprising the truncated HCV sequences can vary widely, the minimum size being a sequence of sufficient size to provide an HCV 20 epitope, while the maximum size is not critical. applications, the maximum size usually is not substantially greater than that required to provide the desired HCV epitopes and function(s) of the heterologous sequence, if any. Typically, the truncated HCV amino 25 acid sequence will range from about 5 to about 100 amino acids in length. More typically, however, the HCV sequence will be a maximum of about 50 amino acids in length, preferably a maximum of about 30 amino acids. It is usually desirable to select HCV sequences of at least 30 about 10, 12 or 15 amino acids, up to a maximum of about 20 or 25 amino acids.

Truncated HCV amino acid sequences comprising epitopes can be identified in a number of ways. For example, the entire viral protein sequence can be

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screened by preparing a series of short peptides that together span the entire protein sequence. By starting with, for example, 100-mer polypeptides, it would be routine to test each polypeptide for the presence of epitope(s) showing a desired reactivity, and then testing progressively smaller and overlapping fragments from an identified 100-mer to map the epitope of interest. Screening such peptides in an immunoassay is within the skill of the art. It is also known to carry out a computer analysis of a protein sequence to identify potential epitopes, and then prepare oligopeptides comprising the identified regions for screening. It is appreciated by those of skill in the art that such computer analysis of antigenicity does not always identify an epitope that actually exists, and can also incorrectly identify a region of the protein as containing an epitope.

The observed relationship of the putative polyproteins of HCV and the Flaviviruses allows a prediction of the putative domains of the HCV "non-structural" (NS) proteins. The locations of the individual NS proteins in the putative Flavivirus precursor polyprotein are fairly well-known. Moreover, these also coincide with observed gross fluctuations in the hydrophobicity profile of the polyprotein. established that NS5 of Flaviviruses encodes the virion polymerase, and that NS1 corresponds with a complement fixation antigen which has been shown to be an effective vaccine in animals. Recently, it has been shown that a flaviviral protease function resides in NS3. Due to the observed similarities between HCV and the Flaviviruses, deductions concerning the approximate locations of the corresponding protein domains and functions in the HCV polyprotein are possible. Figure 11 is a schematic of putative domains of the HCV polyprotein. The expression

of polypeptides containing these domains in a variety of recombinant host cells, including, for example, bacteria, yeast, insect, and vertebrate cells, should give rise to important immunological reagents which can be used for diagnosis, detection, and vaccines.

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Although the non-structural protein region of the putative polyproteins of the HCV isolate described herein and of Flaviviruses appears to be generally similar, there is less similarity between the putative 10 structural regions which are towards the N-terminus. this region, there is a greater divergence in sequence, and in addition, the hydrophobic profile of the two regions show less similarity. This "divergence" begins in the N-terminal region of the putative NS1 domain in 15 HCV, and extends to the presumed N-terminus. Nevertheless, it is still possible to predict the approximate locations of the putative nucleocapsid (N-terminal basic domain) and E (generally hydrophobic) domains within the HCV polyprotein. From these predictions it may be possible to identify approximate 20 regions of the HCV polyprotein that could correspond with useful immunological reagents. For example, the E and NS1 proteins of Flaviviruses are known to have efficacy as protective vaccines. These regions, as well as some 25 which are shown to be antigenic in the HCV1, for example those within putative NS3, C, and NS5, etc., should also provide diagnostic reagents.

The immunogenicity of the HCV sequences may also be enhanced by preparing the sequences fused to or assembled with particle-forming proteins such as, for example, hepatitis B surface antigen or rotavirus VP6 antigen. Constructs wherein the HCV epitope is linked directly to the particle-forming protein coding sequences produce hybrids which are immunogenic with respect to the HCV epitope. In addition, all of the vectors prepared

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include epitopes specific to HBV, having various degrees of immunogenicity, such as, for example, the pre-S peptide. Thus, particles constructed from particle forming protein which include HCV sequences are immunogenic with respect to HCV and particle-form protein. See, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 4,722,840; EPO Pub No. 175,261; EPO Pub. No. 259,149; Michelle et al. (1984) Int. Symposium on Viral Hepatitis.

Vaccines may be prepared from one or more immunogenic polypeptides derived from HCV/J1 or HCV/J7. 10 The observed homology between HCV and Flaviviruses provides information concerning the polypeptides which are likely to be most effective as vaccines, as well as the regions of the genome in which they are encoded. general structure of the Flavivirus genome is discussed 15 in Rice et al. (1986) in THE VIRUSES: THE TOGAVIRIDAE AND FLAVIVIRIDAE (Series eds. Fraenkel-Conrat and Wagner, Vol eds. Schlesinger and Schlesinger, Plenum Press). flavivirus genomic RNA is believed to be the only virus-specific mRNA species, and it is translated into the three viral structural proteins, i.e., C, M, and E, as well as two large nonstructural proteins, NV4 and NV5, and a complex set of smaller nonstructural proteins. is known that major neutralizing epitopes for Flaviviruses reside in the E (envelope) protein. Roehrig (1986) in THE VIRUSES: THE TOGAVIRIDAE AND FLAVIVIRIDAE (Series eds. Fraenkel-Conrat and Wagner, Vol eds. Schlesinger and Schlesinger, Plenum Press). The corresponding HCV E gene and polypeptide encoding region may be predicted, based upon the homology to 30 Flaviviruses. Thus, vaccines may be comprised of recombinant polypeptides containing epitopes of HCV E. These polypeptides may be expressed in bacteria, yeast, or mammalian cells, or alternatively may be isolated from viral preparations. It is also anticipated that the 35

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other structural proteins may also contain epitopes which give rise to protective anti-HCV antibodies. Thus, polypeptides containing the epitopes of E, C, and M may also be used, whether singly or in combination, in HCV vaccines.

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In addition to the above, it has been shown that immunization with NS1 (nonstructural protein 1), results in protection against yellow fever. Schlesinger et al (1986) J. Virol. 60:1153. This is true even though the immunization does not give rise to neutralizing antibodies. Thus, particularly since this protein appears to be highly conserved among Flaviviruses, it is likely that HCV NS1 will also be protective against HCV infection. Moreover, it also shows that nonstructural proteins may provide protection against viral pathogenicity, even if they do not cause the production of neutralizing antibodies.

In view of the above, multivalent vaccines against HCV may be comprised of one or more epitopes from one or more structural proteins, and/or one or more 20 epitopes from one or more nonstructural proteins. vaccines may be comprised of, for example, recombinant HCV polypeptides and/or polypeptides isolated from the virions. In particular, vaccines are contemplated comprising one or more of the following HCV proteins, or 25 subunit antigens derived therefrom: E, NS1, C, NS2, NS3, NS4 and NS5. Particularly preferred are vaccines comprising E and/or NS1, or subunits thereof. addition, it may be possible to use inactivated HCV in vaccines; inactivation may be by the preparation of viral 30 lysates, or by other means known in the art to cause inactivation of Flaviviruses, for example, treatment with organic solvents or detergents, or treatment with formalin. Moreover, vaccines may also be prepared from attenuated HCV strains or from hybrid viruses such as 35

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vaccinia vectors known in the art [Brown et al. Nature 319: 549-550 (1986)].

The preparation of vaccines which contain immunogenic polypeptide(s) as active ingredients is known to one skilled in the art. Typically, such vaccines are prepared as injectables, either as liquid solutions or suspensions; solid forms suitable for solution in, or suspension in, liquid prior to injection may also be prepared. The preparation may also be emulsified, or the protein encapsulated in liposomes. The active immunogenic ingredients are often mixed with excipients which are pharmaceutically acceptable and compatible with the active ingredient. Suitable excipients are, for example, water, saline, dextrose, glycerol, ethanol, or the like and combinations thereof. In addition, if desired, the vaccine may contain minor amounts of auxiliary substances such as wetting or emulsifying agents, pH buffering agents, and/or adjuvants which enhance the effectiveness of the vaccine. Examples of adjuvants which may be effective include but are not limited to: aluminum hydroxide, N-acetyl-muramyl-Lthreonyl-D-isoglutamine (thr-MDP), N-acetyl-nor-muramyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine (CGP 11637, referred to as nor-MDP), N-acetylmuramyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutaminyl-L-alanine-2-(1'-2'-dipalmitoyl-sn-glycerol-3hydroxyphosphoryloxy)-ethylamine (CGP 19835A, referred to as MTP-PE), and RIBI, which contains three components extracted from bacteria, monophosphoryl lipid A, trehalose dimycolate and cell wall skeleton (MPL+TDM+CWS) in a 2% squalene/Tween 80 emulsion. The effectiveness of an adjuvant may be determined by measuring the amount of antibodies directed against an immunogenic polypeptide containing an HCV antigenic sequence resulting from administration of this polypeptide in vaccines which are also comprised of the various adjuvants.

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The vaccines are conventionally administered parenterally, by injection, usually, either subcutaneously or intramuscularly. Additional formulations which are suitable for other modes of administration include suppositories and, in some cases, oral formulations. For suppositories, traditional binders and carriers may include, for example, polyalkylene glycols or triglycerides; such suppositories may be formed from mixtures containing the active ingredient in the range of 0.5% to 10%, preferably 1%-2%. Oral formulations include such normally employed excipients as, for example, pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate, and the like. These compositions take the form of solutions, suspensions, tablets, pills, capsules, sustained release formulations or powders and contain 10%-95% of active ingredient, preferably 25%-70%.

The proteins may be formulated into the vaccine as neutral or salt forms. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts include the acid addition salts (formed with free amino groups of the peptide) and which are formed with inorganic acids such as, for example, hydrochloric or phosphoric acids, or such organic acids such as acetic, oxalic, tartaric, maleic, and the like. Salts formed with the free carboxyl groups may also be derived from inorganic bases such as, for example, sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium, or ferric hydroxides, and such organic bases as isopropylamine, trimethylamine, 2-ethylamino ethanol, histidine, procaine, and the like.

The vaccines are administered in a manner compatible with the dosage formulation, and in such amount as will be prophylactically and/or therapeutically effective. The quantity to be administered, which is generally in the range of 5 micrograms to 250 micrograms of antigen per dose, depends on the subject to be

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treated, capacity of the subject's immune system to synthesize antibodies, and the degree of protection desired. Precise amounts of active ingredient required to be administered may depend on the judgment of the practitioner and may be peculiar to each subject.

The vaccine may be given in a single dose schedule, or preferably in a multiple dose schedule. A multiple dose schedule is one in which a primary course of vaccination may be with 1-10 separate doses, followed by other doses given at subsequent time intervals required to maintain and or reenforce the immune response, for example, at 1-4 months for a second dose, and if needed, a subsequent dose(s) after several months. The dosage regimen will also, at least in part, be determined by the need of the individual and be dependent upon the judgment of the practitioner.

In addition, the vaccine containing the immunogenic HCV antigen(s) may be administered in conjunction with other immunoregulatory agents, for example, immune globulins.

The immunogenic polypeptides prepared as described above are used to produce antibodies, both polyclonal and monoclonal. If polyclonal antibodies are desired, a selected mammal (e.g., mouse, rabbit, goat, horse, etc.) is immunized with an immunogenic polypeptide bearing an HCV epitope(s). Serum from the immunized animal is collected and treated according to known procedures. If serum containing polyclonal antibodies to an HCV epitope contains antibodies to other antigens, the polyclonal antibodies can be purified by immunoaffinity chromatography. Techniques for producing and processing polyclonal antisera are known in the art, see for example, Mayer and Walker, eds. (1987) IMMUNOCHEMICAL METHODS IN CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (Academic Press, London).

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Monoclonal antibodies directed against HCV epitopes can also be readily produced by one skilled in The general methodology for making monoclonal antibodies by hybridomas is well known. Immortal antibody-producing cell lines can be created by cell fu-5 sion, and also by other techniques such as direct transformation of B lymphocytes with oncogenic DNA, or transfection with Epstein-Barr virus. See, e.g., M. Schreier et al. (1980) HYBRIDOMA TECHNIQUES; Hammerling et al. (1981), MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND T-CELL 10 HYBRIDOMAS; Kennett et al. (1980) MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES; see also, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,341,761; 4,399,121; 4,427,783; 4,444,887; 4,466,917; 4,472,500; 4,491,632; and 4,493,890. Panels of monoclonal antibodies produced against HCV epitopes can be screened for various 15 properties; i.e., for isotype, epitope affinity, etc. Antibodies, both monoclonal and polyclonal,

which are directed against HCV epitopes are particularly useful in diagnosis, and those which are neutralizing are useful in passive immunotherapy. Monoclonal antibodies, in particular, may be used to raise anti-idiotype antibodies.

Anti-idiotype antibodies are immunoglobulins which carry an "internal image" of the antigen of the infectious agent against which protection is desired. Techniques for raising anti-idiotype antibodies are known in the art. See, e,g,, Grzych (1985), Nature 316:74; MacNamara et al. (1984), Science 226:1325, Uytdehaag et al (1985), J. Immunol. 134:1225. These anti-idiotype antibodies may also be useful for treatment and/or diagnosis of NANBH, as well as for an elucidation of the immunogenic regions of HCV antigens.

Using the HCV/J1 or HCV/J7 polynucleotide sequences as a basis, oligomers of approximately 8 nucleotides or more can be prepared, either by excision

or synthetically, which hybridize with the HCV genome and are useful in identification of the viral agent(s), further characterization of the viral genome(s), as well as in detection of the virus(es) in diseased individuals. The probes for HCV polynucleotides (natural or derived) are a length which allows the detection of unique viral sequences by hybridization. While 6-8 nucleotides may be a workable length, sequences of about 10-12 nucleotides are preferred, and about 20 nucleotides appears optimal. 10 These probes can be prepared using routine methods, including automated oligonucleotide synthetic methods. Among useful probes, for example, are the clones disclosed herein, as well as the various oligomers useful in probing cDNA libraries, set forth below. A complement to any unique portion of the HCV genome will be satisfac-15 tory. For use as probes, complete complementarity is desirable, though it may be unnecessary as the length of the fragment is increased.

For use of such probes as diagnostics, the biological sample to be analyzed, such as blood or serum, may be treated, if desired, to extract the nucleic acids contained therein. The resulting nucleic acid from the sample may be subjected to gel electrophoresis or other size separation techniques; alternatively, the nucleic acid sample may be dot blotted without size separation. 25 The probes are then labeled. Suitable labels, and methods for labeling probes are known in the art, and include, for example, radioactive labels incorporated by nick translation or kinasing, biotin, fluorescent probes, and chemiluminescent probes. The nucleic acids extracted 30 from the sample are then treated with the labeled probe under hybridization conditions of suitable stringencies. Usually high stringency conditions are desirable in order to prevent false positives. The stringency of hybridization is determined by a number of factors dur-35

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ing hybridization and during the washing procedure, including temperature, ionic strength, length of time, and concentration of formamide. These factors are outlined in, for example, Maniatis, T. (1982) MOLECULAR CLONING; A LABORATORY MANUAL (Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.).

Generally, it is expected that the HCV genome sequences will be present in serum of infected individuals at relatively low levels, i.e., at approximately 10<sup>2</sup>-10<sup>3</sup> chimp infectious doses (CID) per ml. This level may require that amplification techniques be used in hybridization assays. Such techniques are known in the art. For example, the Enzo Biochemical Corporation "Bio-Bridge" system uses terminal deoxynucleotide transferase to add unmodified 3'-poly-dT-tails to a DNA probe. The poly dT-tailed probe is hybridized to the target nucleotide sequence, and then to a biotin-modified poly-A. PCT App. No. 84/03520 and EPO Pub. No. 124,221 describe a DNA hybridization assay in which: (1) analyte is annealed to a single-stranded DNA probe that is complementary to an enzyme-labeled oligonucleotide; and (2) the resulting tailed duplex is hybridized to an enzyme-labeled oligonucleotide. EPO Pub. No. 204,510 describes a DNA hybridization assay in which analyte DNA is contacted with a probe that has a tail, such as a poly-dT tail, an amplifier strand that has a sequence that hybridizes to the tail of the probe, such as a poly-A sequence, and which is capable of binding a plurality of labeled strands.

A particularly desirable technique may first involve amplification of the target HCV sequences in sera approximately 10,000-fold, i.e., to approximately 10<sup>6</sup> sequences/ml. This may be accomplished, for example, by the polymerase chain reactions (PCR) technique described

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which is by Saiki et al. (1986) Nature 324:163, Mullis, U.S. Patent No. 4,683,195, and Mullis et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,683,202. The amplified sequence(s) may then be detected using a hybridization assay which is described in co-pending European Publication No. 317-077 and Japanese application No. 63-260347, which are assigned to the herein assignee, and are hereby incorporated herein These hybridization assays, which should by reference. detect sequences at the level of 10<sup>6</sup>/ml, utilize nucleic acid multimers which bind to single-stranded analyte nucleic acid, and which also bind to a multiplicity of single-stranded labeled oligonucleotides. A suitable solution phase sandwich assay which may be used with labeled polynucleotide probes, and the methods for the preparation of probes is described in EPO Pub. No. 225,807 which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

The probes can be packaged into diagnostic kits. Diagnostic kits include the probe DNA, which may be labeled; alternatively, the probe DNA may be unlabeled and the ingredients for labeling may be included in the kit in separate containers. The kit may also contain other suitably packaged reagents and materials needed for the particular hybridization protocol, for example, standards, wash buffers, as well as instructions for conducting the test.

Both the HCV/J1 or HCV/J7 polypeptides which react immunologically with serum containing HCV antibodies and the antibodies raised against the HCV specific epitopes in these polypeptides are useful in immunoassays to detect presence of HCV antibodies, or the presence of the virus and/or viral antigens, in biological samples. Design of the immunoassays is subject to a great deal of variation, and a variety of these are known in the art. An immunoassay for anti-HCV antibody

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may utilize one viral epitope or several viral epitopes. When multiple epitopes are used, the epitopes may be derived from the same or different viral polypeptides, and may be in separate recombinant or natural polypeptides, or together in the same recombinant polypeptides.

An immunoassay for viral antigen may use, for example, a monoclonal antibody directed towards a viral epitope, a combination of monoclonal antibodies directed towards epitopes of one viral polypeptide, monoclonal antibodies directed towards epitopes of different viral polypeptides, polyclonal antibodies directed towards the same viral antigen, polyclonal antibodies directed towards different viral antigens or a combination of monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies.

Immunoassay protocols may be based, for example, upon competition, or direct reaction, or sandwich type assays. Protocols may also, for example, use solid supports, or may be by immunoprecipitation. Most assays involve the use of labeled antibody or polypeptide. The labels may be, for example, fluorescent, chemiluminescent, radioactive, or dye molecules. Assays which amplify the signals from the probe are also known. Examples of which are assays which utilize biotin and avidin, and enzyme-labeled and mediated immunoassays, such as ELISA assays.

Typically, an immunoassay for anti-HCV antibody will involve selecting and preparing the test sample, such as a biological sample, and then incubating it with an antigenic (i.e., epitope-containing) HCV polypeptide under conditions that allow antigen-antibody complexes to form. Such conditions are well known in the art. In a heterogeneous format, the polypeptide is bound to a solid support to facilitate separation of the sample from the polypeptide after incubation. Examples of solid supports

that can be used are nitrocellulose, in membrane or microtiter well form, polyvinylchloride, in sheets or microtiter wells, polystyrene latex, in beads or microtiter plates, polyvinylidine fluoride, known as  $Immobulon^{TM}$ , diazotized paper, nylon membranes, activated 5 beads, and Protein A beads. Most preferably, the Dynatech, Immulon<sup>TM</sup> 1 microtiter plate or the 0.25-inch polystyrene beads, which Spec finished by Precision Plastic Ball, are used in the heterogeneous format. solid support is typically washed after separating it 10 from the test sample. In a homogeneous format, the test sample is incubated with antigen in solution, under conditions that will precipitate any antigen-antibody complexes that are formed, as is know in the art. The 15 precipitated complexes are then separated from the test sample, for example, by centrifugation. The complexes formed comprising anti-HCV antibody are then detected by any of a number of techniques. Depending on the format, the complexes can be detected with labeled anti-20 xenogeneic Ig or, if a competitive format is used, by measuring the amount of bound, labeled competing antibody.

In immunoassays where HCV polypeptides are the analyte, the test sample, typically a biological sample, is incubated with anti-HCV antibodies again under conditions that allow the formation of antigen-antibody complexes. Various formats can be employed, such as a "sandwich" assay where antibody bound to a solid support is incubated with the test sample; washed; incubated with a second, labeled antibody to the analyte; and the support is washed again. Analyte is detected by determining if the second antibody is bound to the support. In a competitive format, which can be either heterogeneous or homogeneous, a test sample is usually

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incubated with and antibody and a labeled, competing antigen either sequentially or simultaneously. These and other formats are well known in the art.

The Flavivirus model for HCV allows predictions regarding the likely location of diagnostic epitopes for the virion structural proteins. The C, pre-M, M, and E domains are all likely to contain epitopes of significant potential for detecting viral antigens, and particularly for diagnosis. Similarly, domains of the nonstructural proteins are expected to contain important diagnostic epitopes (e.g., NS5 encoding a putative polymerase; and NS1 encoding a putative complement-binding antigen). combinant polypeptides, or viral polypeptides, which include epitopes from these specific domains may be useful for the detection of viral antibodies in infections blood donors and infected patients. In addition, antibodies directed against the E and/or M proteins can be used in immunoassays for the detection of viral antigens in patients with HCV caused NANBH, and in infectious blood donors. Moreover, these antibodies may be extremely useful in detecting acute-phase donors and patients.

Antigenic regions of the putative polyprotein can be mapped and identified by screening the antigenicity of bacterial expression products of HCV cDNAs which encode portions of the polyprotein. Other antigenic regions of HCV may be detected by expressing the portions of the HCV cDNAs in other expression systems, including yeast systems and cellular systems derived from insects and vertebrates. In addition, studies giving rise to an antigenicity index and hydrophobicity/hydrophilicity profile give rise to information concerning the probability of a region's antigenicity. Efficient detection systems may include

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the use of panels of epitopes. The epitopes in the panel may be constructed into one or multiple polypeptides.

Kits suitable for immunodiagnosis and containing the appropriate labeled reagents are constructed by packaging the appropriate materials, including the polypeptides of the invention containing HCV epitopes or antibodies directed against HCV epitopes in suitable containers, along with the remaining reagents and materials required for the conduct of the assay (e.g., wash buffers, detection means like labeled anti-human Ig, labeled anti-HCV, or labeled HCV antigen), as well as a suitable set of assay instructions.

The HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 nucleotide sequence information described herein may be used to gain further information on the sequence of the HCV genomes, and for identification and isolation of additional HCV isolates related to J1 or J7. This information, in turn, can lead to additional polynucleotide probes, polypeptides derived from the HCV genome, and antibodies directed against HCV epitopes which would be useful for the diagnosis and/or treatment of HCV caused NANBH.

The HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 nucleotide sequence information herein is useful for the design of probes for the isolation of additional sequences which are derived from as yet undefined regions of the HCV genomes from which the J1 and J7 sequences are derived. For example, labeled probes containing a sequence of approximately 8 or more nucleotides, and preferably 20 or more nucleotides, which are derived from regions close to the 5'-termini or 3'-termini of the family of HCV cDNA sequences disclosed in the examples may be used to isolate overlapping cDNA sequences from HCV cDNA libraries. These sequences which overlap the cDNAs in the above-mentioned clones, but which also contain sequences derived from regions of the genome from which

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the cDNA in the above mentioned clones are not derived, may then be used to synthesize probes for identification of other overlapping fragments which do not necessarily overlap the cDNAs described below. Methods for constructing cDNA libraries are known in the art. See, e.g. EPO Pub. No. 318,216. It is particularly preferred to prepare libraries from the serum of Japanese and other Asian patients diagnosed as having NANBH demonstrating antibody to HCV1 antigens; these are believed to be the most likely candidates for carriers of HCV/J1, HCV/J7, or related isolates.

HCV particles may be isolated from the sera from individuals with NANBH or from cell cultures by any of the methods known in the art, including for example, techniques based on size discrimination such as sedimentation or exclusion methods, or techniques based on density such as ultracentrifugation in density gradients, or precipitation with agents such as polyethylene glycol, or chromatography on a variety of materials such as anionic or cationic exchange materials, and materials which bind due to hydrophobicity.

A preferred method of isolating HCV particles or antigen is by immunoaffinity columns. Techniques for immunoaffinity chromatography are known in the art, including techniques for affixing antibodies to solid supports so that they retain their immunoselective activity. The techniques may be those in which the antibodies are adsorbed to the support (see, for example, Kurstak in ENZYME IMMUNODIAGNOSIS, page 31-37), as well as those in which the antibodies are covalently linked to the support. Generally, the techniques are similar to those used for covalent linking of antigens to a solid support, described above. However, spacer groups may be included in the bifunctional coupling agents so that the antigen binding site of the antibody remains accessible.

The antibodies may be monoclonal, or polyclonal, and it may be desirable to purify the antibodies before their use in the immunoassay.

The general techniques used in extracting the
genome from a virus, preparing and probing a cDNA
library, sequencing clones, constructing expression
vectors, transforming cells, performing immunological
assays such as radioimmunoassays and ELISA assays, for
growing cells in culture, and the like are known in the
art and laboratory manuals are available describing these
techniques. However, as a general guide, the following
sets forth some sources currently available for such
procedures, and for materials useful in carrying them
out.

15 Both prokaryotic and eukaryotic host cells may be used for expression of desired coding sequences when appropriate control sequences which are compatible with the designated host are used. Among prokaryotic hosts, E. coli is most frequently used. Expression control sequences for prokaryotes include promoters, optionally 20 containing operator portions, and ribosome binding sites. Transfer vectors compatible with prokaryotic hosts are commonly derived from, for example, pBR322, a plasmid containing operons conferring ampicillin and tetracycline resistance, and the various pUC vectors, which also 25 contain sequences conferring antibiotic resistance mark-These markers may be used to obtain successful transformants by selection. Commonly used prokaryotic control sequences include the Beta-lactamase (penicillinase) and lactose promoter systems (Chang et 30 al.(1977), Nature 198:1056, the tryptophan (trp) promoter system (Goeddel et al. (1980) Nucleic Acid Res. 8:4057), and the lambda-derived  $P_{
m L}$  promoter and N gene ribosome binding site (Shimatake et al. (1981) Nature 292:128) and

the hybrid tac promoter (De Boer et al. (1983) Proc.

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Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 292:128) derived from sequences of the <u>trp</u> and <u>lac</u> UV5 promoters. The foregoing systems are particularly compatible with <u>E</u>. <u>coli</u>; if desired, other prokaryotic hosts such as strains of Bacillus or Pseudomonas may be used, with corresponding control sequences.

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Eukaryotic hosts include yeast and mammalian cells in culture systems. Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Saccharomyces carlsbergensis, Klebsiela lactis and Pichia pastoris are the most commonly used yeast hosts, and are 10 convenient fungal hosts. Yeast compatible vectors carry markers which permit selection of successful transformants by conferring prototrophy to auxotrophic mutants or resistance to heavy metals on wild-type 15 strains. Yeast compatible vectors may employ the 2 micron origin of replication (Broach et al. (1983) Math Enz. 101:307), the combination of CEN3 and ARS1 or other means for assuring replication, such as sequences which will result in incorporation of an appropriate fragment into the host cell genome. Control sequences for yeast 20 vectors are known in the art and include promoters for the synthesis of glycolytic enzymes (Hess et al. (1968) J. Adv. Enzyme Eng. 7:149; Holland et al. (1978), J. Biol. Chem. 256:1385), including the promoter for 3 phosphoglycerate kinase (Hitzeman (1980), J. Biol. Chem. 25 255:2073). Terminators may also be included, such as those derived from the enclase gene (Holland (1981), J. Biol. Chem. 256:1385). Particularly useful control systems are those which comprise the glyceraldehyde-3 phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) promoter or alcohol 30 dehydrogenase (ADH) regulatable promoter, terminators also derived from GAPDH, and if secretion is desired, leader sequence from yeast alpha factor. In addition, the transcriptional regulatory region and the transcriptional initiation region which are operably 35

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linked may be such that they are not naturally associated in the wild-type organism. These systems are described in detail in EPO Pub. No. 120,551; EPO Pub. No. 116,201; and EPO Pub. No. 164,556 all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Mammalian cell lines available as hosts for expression are known in the art and include many immortalized cell lines available from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), including HeLa cells, Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, baby hamster kidney (BHK) cells, and a number of other cell lines. Suitable promoters for mammalian cells are also known in the art and include viral promoters such as that from Simian Virus 40 (SV40) (Fiers (1978), Nature 273:113), Rous sarcoma virus (RSV), adenovirus (ADV), and bovine papilloma virus (BPV). Mammalian cells may also require terminator sequences and poly A addition sequences; enhancer sequences which increase expression may also be included, and sequences which cause amplification of the gene may also be desirable. These sequences are known in the art. Vectors suitable for replication in mammalian cells may include viral replicons, or sequences which insure integration of the appropriate sequences encoding NANBV epitopes into the host genome.

The vaccinia virus system can also be used to express foreign DNA in mammalian cells. To express heterologous genes, the foreign DNA is usually inserted into the thymidine kinase gene of the vaccinia virus and then infected cells can be selected. This procedure is known in the art and further information can be found in these references [Mackett et al. J. Virol. 49: 857-864 (1984) and Chapter 7 in DNA Cloning, Vol. 2, IRL Press].

In addition, viral antigens can be expressed in insect cells by the Baculovirus system. A general guide to baculovirus expression by Summer and Smith is <u>A Manual</u>

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of Methods for Baculovirus Vectors and Insect Cell Culture Procedures (Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 1555). To incorporate the heterologous gene into the Baculovirus genome the gene is first cloned into a transfer vector containing some Baculovirus sequences. This transfer vector, when it is cotransfected with wildtype virus into insect cells, will recombine with the wild-type virus. Usually, the transfer vector will be engineered so that the heterologous gene will disrupt the wild-type Baculovirus polyhedron gene. This disruption enables easy selection of the recombinant virus since the cells infected with the recombinant virus will appear phenotypically different from the cells infected with the wild-type virus. The purified recombinant virus can be used to infect cells to express the heterologous gene. The foreign protein can be secreted into the medium if a signal peptide is linked in frame to the heterologous gene; otherwise, the protein will be bound in the cell lysates. For further information, see Smith et al Mol. & Cell. Biol. 3:2156-2165 (1983) or Luckow and Summers in Virology 17: 31-39 (1989).

Transformation may be by any known method for introducing polynucleotides into a host cell, including, for example packaging the polynucleotide in a virus and transducing a host cell with the virus, and by direct uptake of the polynucleotide. The transformation procedure used depends upon the host to be transformed. Bacterial transformation by direct uptake generally employs treatment with calcium or rubidium chloride (Cohen (1972), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 69:2110; Maniatis et al. (1982), MOLECULAR CLONING; A LABORATORY MANUAL (Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.). Yeast transformation by direct uptake may be carried out using the method of Hinnen et al. (1978) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 75: 1929. Mammalian

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transformations by direct uptake may be conducted using the calcium phosphate precipitation method of Graham and Van der Eb (1978), Virology 52:546 or the various known modifications thereof.

Vector construction employs techniques which are known in the art. Site-specific DNA cleavage is performed by treating with suitable restriction enzymes under conditions which generally are specified by the manufacturer of these commercially available enzymes.

The cleaved fragments may be separated using polyacrylamide or agarose gel electrophoresis techniques, according to the general procedures found in Methods in Enzymology (1980) 65:499-560. Sticky ended cleavage fragments may be blunt ended using E. coli DNA polymerase I (Klenow) in the presence of the appropriate deoxynucleotide triphosphates (dNTPs) present in the mixture. Treatment with S1 nuclease may also be used, resulting in the hydrolysis of any single stranded DNA

Ligations are carried out using standard buffer and temperature conditions using T4 DNA ligase and ATP; sticky end ligations require less ATP and less ligase than blunt end ligations. When vector fragments are used as part of a ligation mixture, the vector fragment is often treated with bacterial alkaline phosphatase (BAP) or calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase to remove the 5'-phosphate and thus prevent religation of the vector; alternatively, restriction enzyme digestion of unwanted fragments can be used to prevent ligation. Ligation mixtures are transformed into suitable cloning hosts, such as E. coli, and successful transformants selected by, for example, antibiotic resistance, and screened for the correct construction.

Synthetic oligonucleotides may be prepared using an automated oligonucleotide synthesizer as

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described by Warner (1984), DNA 3:401. If desired, the synthetic strands may be labeled with <sup>32</sup>P by treatment with polynucleotide kinase in the presence of <sup>32</sup>P-ATP, using standard conditions for the reaction. DNA sequences, including those isolated from cDNA libraries, may be modified by known techniques, including, for example site directed mutagenesis, as described by Zoller (1982), Nucleic Acids Res. 10:6487.

DNA libraries may be probed using the procedure of Grunstein and Hogness (1975), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 73:3961. Briefly, in this procedure, the DNA to be probed is immobilized on nitrocellulose filters, denatured, and prehybridized with a buffer. percentage of formamide in the buffer, as well as the time and temperature conditions of the prehybridization and subsequent hybridization steps depends on the stringency required. Oligomeric probes which require lower stringency conditions are generally used with low percentages of formamide, lower temperatures, and longer hybridization times. Probes containing more than 30 or 40 nucleotides such as those derived from cDNA or genomic sequences generally employ higher temperatures, e.g., about 40-42°C, and a high percentage, e.g., 50%, formamide. Following prehybridization, 5'-32P-labeled oligonucleotide probe is added to the buffer, and the filters are incubated in this mixture under hybridization conditions. After washing, the treated filters are subjected to autoradiography to show the location of the hybridized probe; DNA in corresponding locations on the original agar plates is used as the source of the desired DNA.

An enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) can be used to measure either antigen or antibody concentrations. This method depends upon conjugation of an enzyme to either an antigen or an antibody, and uses

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the bound enzyme activity as a quantitative label. To measure antibody, the known antigen is fixed to a solid phase (e.g., a microplate or plastic cup), incubated with test serum dilutions, washed, incubated with anti-immunoglobulin labeled with an enzyme, and washed again. Enzymes suitable for labeling are known in the art, and include, for example, horseradish peroxidase. Enzyme activity bound to the solid phase is measured by adding the specific substrate, and determining product formation or substrate utilization colorimetrically. The enzyme activity bound is a direct function of the amount of antibody bound.

To measure antigen, a known specific antibody is fixed to the solid phase, the test material containing antigen is added, after an incubation the solid phase is washed, and a second enzyme-labeled antibody is added. After washing, substrate is added, and enzyme activity is estimated colorimetrically, and related to antigen concentration.

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## **Examples**

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This example describes the cloning of the HCV/J1 and HCV/J7 nucleotide sequences.

Both blood samples which were used as a source of HCV virions were found to be positive in an anti-HCV antibody assay. The HCV isolates from these samples were named HCV/J1 and HCV/J7. The infectivity of the blood sample containing the J1 isolate was confirmed by a prospective study of blood transfusion recipients. Dr. Tohru Katayama from the Department of Surgery at the National Tokyo Chest Hospital collected blood from patients who have contracted post-transfusion non-A, non-B hepatitis. He also collected blood samples from the respective blood donors of these patients. Next, these

samples were assayed for antibodies to the C100-3 HCV1 antigen (EPO Pub. No. 318,216), and blood from one of the donors was found to be positive.

Isolation of the RNA from the blood samples

began by pelleting virions in the blood sample by
ultracentrifugation [Bradley, D.W., McCaustland, K.A.,
Cook E.H., Schable, C.A., Ebert, J.W. and Maynard, J.E.
(1985) Gastroenterology 88, 773-779]. RNA was then
extracted from the pellet by the guanidinium/cesium
chloride method [Maniatis T., Fritsch, E.F., and
Sambrook J. (1982) "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory
Manual", Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring
Harbor] and further purified by phenol/chloroform
extraction in the presence of urea, [Berk, A.J. Lee,F.,
Harrison, T., Williams, J. and Sharp, P.A. (1979) Cell
17, 935-944].

Five pairs of synthetic oligonucleotide primers were designed from the C/E, E, E/NS1, NS3, and NS5 domains of the nucleotide sequence of HCV1 to isolate fragments from the J1 and J7 genome. The first set of primers were to isolate the sequence from the core and some of the envelope domain. The second set of primers were to isolate the sequences in the envelope domain. The third set of primers were to isolate a fragment which overlapped the putative envelope and non-structural one, NS1, domains. The fourth and fifth set of primers were used to isolate fragments from non-structural domains three and five, NS3 and NS5. The sequences for the various primers are shown below:

The sequence of the primers for the C/E region were:

21S 5' CGTGCCCCGCAAGACTGCT 3'

J80A 5' CCGTCCTCCAGAACCCGGAC 3'

The sequence of the primers for the E region were:

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71S 5' GCCGACCTCATGGGGTACAT 3'
J132A 5' AACTGCGACACCACTAAGGC 3'

The sequence of the primers for the E/NS1 region were:

127S 5' TGGCATGGGATATGATGATG 3'
166A 5' TTGAACTTGTGGTGATAGAA 3'

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The sequence of the primers for the NS3 region were :

464S 5' GGCTATACCGGCGACTTCGA 3'

10 526A 5' GACATGCATGTCATGATGTA 3'

The sequence of the primers for the NS5 region were:

870S 5' GCTGGAAAGAGGGTCTACTA 3'

917A 5' GTTCTTACTGCCCAGTTGAA 3'

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1  $\mu$ g of the antisense primers, 166A, 526A, or 917A, was added to 10 units of reverse transcriptase (Biorad) to synthesize cDNA fragments from the isolated RNA as the template. The cDNA fragments were then amplified by a standard polymerase chain reaction [Saiki, R.K., Scharf, S., Falcona, F., Mullis, K.B., Horn G.T., Erlich, H.A., and Arnheim, N. (1985) Science 230, 1350-1354] after 1  $\mu$ g of the appropriate sense primer, 21S, 71S. 127S, 464S or 870S, was added.

The cDNA fragments amplified by the PCR method were gel isolated and cloned by blunt-end ligation into the SmaI site of pUCl19 [Vieira, J. and Messing, J. (1987) Methods in Enzymology 153, 3-11] or into the SnaBI site of charomid SB, a derivative of the cloning vector charomid 9-42 [Saito, I. and Stark, G. (1986) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 83: 8664-8668]. Clones which contain the fragments of the five viral domains were successfully constructed.

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From the PCR reaction of the Japanese isolates, J1 and J7, three independent clones from each region, C/E, E, E/NS1, NS3, and NS5, have been sequenced by the dideoxy chain termination method.

Sequence from all regions except C/E has been isolated from the J1 isolate. Sequence from only the C/E region has been isolated from the J7 isolate.

- Surprisingly, fragments isolated from both isolates are neither longer or shorter than what would be predicted from the HCV1 genome. However, there is heterogeneity between clones containing sequence from the same region. Consequently, a consensus sequence was constructed for
- each of the domains, C/E, E, E/NS1, NS3 and NS5, as shown respectively in Figures 1 through 5. These differences may be explained as artifacts which occur randomly during the PCR amplification [Saiki, R.K., Scharf, S., Faloona, F., Mullis, K.B., Horn, G.T., Erlich, H.A., and Arnheim,
- N. (1985) Science 230, 1350-1354]. Another explanation is that more than one virus genome is present in the plasma of a single healthy carrier and that these genomes are heterogeneous at the nucleotide level.
- To clarify this point, it was determined how

  25 many of these nucleotide differences would lead to amino
  acid changes, using the sequence from the NS3 domain of
  the J1 isolate as an example. Out of the five nucleotide
  differences, three fall on the third position of the
  amino acid codon and do not change the amino acid
- sequence. Both of the remaining two nucleotide changes fall on the first position of the amino acid codon and generate amino acid changes of threonine to alanine and proline to alanine, all of which are small, neutral amino acid residues. Similarly, when analyzing the nucleotide
- 35 differences in other domains, many silent and conserved

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mutations are found. These results suggest that nucleotide sequences of the HCV genomes in the plasma of a single healthy donor are heterogeneous at the nucleotide level.

5 In addition, once the consensus sequences for each of the fragments were compiled each sequence was compared to the HCV1 isolate in Figures 6 through 10. Figure 6 the fragment from the C/E region of the J7 isolate shows a 92.8%, 512/552, nucleotide and 97.4%, 150/154, amino acid homology to the HCV1 isolate. 10 fragment from the E domain of J1 shows a slightly lower nucleotide and amino acid homology to HCV1 in Figure 7 of 76.2% and 82.9%, respectively. The fragment from the J1 isolate which overlaps the envelope and non-structural one domains shows the lowest homology to HCV1, as seen in 15 Figure 8, where the J1 isolate has a 71.5% nucleotide homology and a 73.5% amino acid homology to HCV1. 9 shows a comparison of the fragment from the NS3 domain of J1 to HCV1. The homology between the nucleotides sequences is 79.8%, while the amino acid homology between the isolates is quite high, 92.2% or 179/194 amino acids. Figure 10 shows the homology between the NS5 sequences from J1 and HCV1. The sequences have a 84.3% nucleotide and 88.7% amino acid homology.

The vectors described in the examples above were deposited with the Patent Microorganism Depository, Fermentation Institute, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology at 1-3, Higashi 1-chome Tsukuba-chi, Ibaragi-ken 305, Japan, and will be maintained under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. The accession numbers and dates of the deposit are listed below, on page 68.

## III

An HCV/J1 clone, J1-1519, was isolated using the essentially the techniques described above. However, the primers used in the isolation were J159S and 199A.

J159S

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5' ACT GCC CTG AAC TGC AAT GA 3'

The sequences of the oligomeric primers J159S and 199A, which follow, were based upon those in J1-1216 and in HCV1.

199A 5' AAT CCA GTT GAG TTC ATC CA 3' Clone J1-1519 is comprised of an HCV cDNA sequence of 367 nucleotides which spans most of the 5'half of the NS1 region and which overlaps the E-region clone, J1-1216, by 31 nucleotides. Three independent clones spanning this region were sequenced; the sequences in this region obtained from the three clones were identical. The sequence of the HCV cDNA in J1-1216 (shown in the figure as J1) and the amino acids encoded therein (shown above the nucleotide sequence) are shown in Figure 13. Figure 13 also shows the sequence differences between J1-1216 in the comparable region of the prototype HCV1 cDNA (indicated in the figure as PT), and the resulting changes in the encoded amino acids. The homology between the J1-1216 and HCV1 cDNA is approximately 70% at the nucleotide level, and about 75% at the amino acid level.

A composite of the sequences from the putative core to NS1 region of the J1 isolate is shown in Figure 14; also shown in the figure are the amino acids encoded in the J1 sequence. The variation from the HCV1 prototype sequence is shown in the line below the J1 nucleotide sequence; the dashed lines indicate homologous sequences. The nonhomologous amino acid encoded in the HCV1 prototype sequence is shown below the HCV1 nucleotide sequence.

Cloned material containing the J1/1519 HCV cDNA (pS1-1519) has been maintained in DH5 $\alpha$ , and deposited with the Patent Microorganism Depository.

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Several regions of the J1 isolate, including the C200-C100 region from the putative NS3-NS4 region (which encompasses the region encoding the 5-1-1 polypeptide in HSV1 (See EPO Pub. No. 318,216), and the 5 putative NS1 - E region, were amplified using the PCR method. The C200-C100 region includes nucleotides 3799 to 5321 of the prototype HCV1. RNA was extracted as described above, except that extraction was with guanidinium thiocyanate in the presence of Proteinase K 10 and sodium dodecylsulfate (SDS) (Maniatis (1982), supra). The RNA was transcribed into HCV cDNA by incubation in a 25  $\mu$ l reaction comprised of 1  $\mu$ M of each primer, 40 units of RNase inhibitor (RNASIN), 5 units of AMV reverse transcriptase, and salts and buffer necessary for the 15 reaction. Amplification of a segment of the HCV cDNA from the designated region was performed utilizing pairs of synthetic oligomer 16-mer primers. PCR amplification was accomplished in three rounds (PCR I, PCR II, and PCRIII). The second and third rounds of PCR 20 amplification (PCR II) utilized different sets of PCR primers; the first PCR reaction was diluted 10-fold and multiple rounds of PCR amplification were carried out with the new primers, so that ultimately up to 50% of the products of the first PCR reaction (PCR I) were 25 reamplified. The primers used for the amplification of the regions were the following. These primers, with the exception of J1C200-3 which was derived from the J1 isolate sequence, were derived from the prototype HCV1 30 sequence.

Primers for amplification of the "5-1-1" region from NS3-NS4.

PCR I

511/16A (sense, derived from nucleotides starting at number 1528 of HCV1)

5' AAC AGG CTG CGT GGT C 3'
511/16B (anti-sense, derived from nucleotides ending at
5260 of HCV1)

5' AGT TGG TCT GGA CAG C 3'

- 5 PCR II

  511/35A (sense, the HCV portion derived from nucleotides starting at number 5057 of HSV1; the restriction enzyme site is underlined)
- 5' CTTGAATTC TCG TCT TGT CCG GGA AGC CGG CAA TC 3'

  511/35B (anti-sense, the HCV portion derived from
  nucleotides ending at number 5233 of HSV1; the
  restriction enzyme site is underlined)
  - 5' CTTGAATTC CCT CTG CCT GAC GGG ACG CGG TCT GC 3'
- 15 <u>511/35A</u> (see supra)

  <u>VSNrc7</u> (antisense, derived from nucleotides ending at number 5804 of HSV1)

5' GTA GTG CGT GGG GGA AAC AT 3'

Primers for amplification of the "NS1/E" region

- 20 PCR I

  J1(E2)3 (sense, the HCV portion derived from nucleotides starting at number 953 of HSV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)
- 5' CTTAGAATTC TGG CAT GGG ATA TGA TGA TG 3'
  25 J1(E)4 (sense, the HCV portion derived from nucleotides starting at number 1087 of HSV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)
  - 5' CTTAGAATTC TCC ATG GTG GGG AAC TGG GC 3'

    J1rc12 (anti-sense, the HCV portion derived from
    nucleotides ending at 1995 of HSV1, the restriction
    enzyme site is underlined)
- 5' CTTGAATTC TAA CGG GCT GAG CTC GGA 3'

  Jlrc13 (anti-sense, the HCV portion derived from
  nucleotides ending at 1941 of HSV1, the restriction
  enzyme site is underlined)

5' CTTAGAATTC CGT CCA GTT GCA GGC AGC TTC 3'
PCR II
J1rc13 (see supra)

5 J1IZ-1 (sense, the HCV portion is derived from nucleotides starting at number 1641 of HCV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)

5' CTTGAATTC CAA CTG GTT CGG CTG TAC A 3'

J11Z-2 (sense, the HCV portion is derived from

nucleotides starting at number 1596 of HCV1, the
restriction enzyme site is underlined)

5' TGA GAC GGA CGT GCT CCT 3'

Primers for the C200-C100 region of the "NS3-NS4" region
PCR I

15 <u>J1C200-1</u> (sense, derived from nucleotides starting at number 3478 of HCV1)

5' TCC TAC TTG AAA GGC TC 3'

J1C200-3 (anti-sense, derived from nucleotides ending at number 4402 of HCV1)

5' GGA TCC AAG CTG AAA TCG AC 3'

J1rc52 (anti-sense, the HCV portion derived from nucleotides ending at 5853 of HCV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)

5' CTTAGAATTC GAG GCT GCT GAG ATA GGC AGT 3'

25 <u>511/16A</u> (see above).

PCR II

<u>J1C200-2</u> (sense, the HCV portion derived from nucleotides starting at number 3557 of HCV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)

- 5' CTTGAATTC CCC GTG GAG TGG CTA AGG CGG TGG ACT 3'

  J1C200-4 (anti-sense, the HCV portion derived from
  nucleotides ending at 4346 of HCV1, the restriction
  enzyme site is underlined)
- 5' CTTGAATTC TCG AAG TCG CCG GTA TAG CCG GTC ATG 3'
- 35 <u>511/35A</u> (see above)

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<u>J1rc51</u> (anti-sense, the HCV portion derived from nucleotides ending at 5826 of HCV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)

5' CTTAGAATTC GGC AGC TGC ATC GCT CTC CGG CAC 3'

The amplified HCV cDNAs were either sequenced directly without cloning, and/or were cloned. Sequencing was accomplished using an assymetric PCR technique, essentially as described in Shyamala and Ames, J. Bacteriology 171:1602 (1989). In this technique,

amplification of the cDNA is carried out with a limiting concentration of one of the primers (usually in a ratio of about 1:50) in order to get preferential amplification of one strand. The preferentially amplified strand is then sequenced by the dideoxy chain termination method.

The primers used for assymetric sequencing by the PCR method were the following. For the NS1 region: J11Z-1 and J1rc13 (sequenced with both); J11Z-2, J1rc13 (confirmed on both strands). For the NS3-NS4 region, which includes the C200-C100 N-terminal region, C200-

C100 C-terminal region, and the 5-1-1 region: J1C200-2 and J1C200-7 (for the N-terminal region of C200-C100), and J1C200-4 and J1C200-6 (for the C200-C100 C-terminal region); and 511/35A and hep 4 (for the 5-1-1 region). The sequences for J1C200-2, J1C200-4, and 511/35A are

shown supra; the sequences of hep 4, J1C200-6, and J1C200-7 are the following.

hep 4 (derived from nucleotides starting at number 5415 of HCV1)

5' TT GGC TAG TGG TTA GTG GGC TGG TGA CAG 3'

30 J1C200-6 (the HCV portion derived from nucleotides starting at number 3875 of HCV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)

5' CTTGAATTC CGT ACT CCA CCT ACG GCA AGT TCC TT 3'

<u>J1C200-7</u> (the HCV portion derived from nucleotides starting at number 3946 of HCV1, the restriction enzyme site is underlined)

5' CTTGAATTC GTG GCA TCC GTG GAG TGG CAC TCG TC 3'

The sequences obtained by assymetric sequencing of the "NS1" region, the C200-C100 region, and the 5-1-1 region are shown in Figure 15, and Figure 16, respectively. In the figures, the amino acids encoded in the J1 sequence are shown above the J1 nucleotide

10 sequence. The differences between the J1 sequence and the HCV1 prototype nucleotide sequence is shown below the J1 sequence (the dashes indicate homologous nucleotides in both sequences). The encoded amino acids which differ in the HCV1 prototype sequence are shown below the HCV1 nucleotide sequence.

HCV cDNAs from the NS1 region, the C200-C100 region, and the 5-1-1 region were cloned. A 300 bp and a 230 bp fragment from the putative NS1 region, were cloned into a derivative of the commercially available vector, pGEM-3Z, in host HB101, and deposited with the ATCC as 20 AW-300bp. The derivative vectors maintain the original pGEM-3Z polylinkers, an intact Ampr gene, and the genes required for replication in  $\underline{E}$ .  $\underline{coli}$ . The HCV cDNA fragments may be removed with SacI and XbaI. HCV cDNAs 25 containing 770 bp N-terminal fragments of C200 were cloned into pM1E in HB101, 12 clones were pooled and deposited with the ATCC as AW-770bp-N; the HCV cDNA may be removed from the vector with HaeII. The resultant HaeII fragment will contain vector DNA of 300 bp and 250 30 bp at the 5' and 3' ends, respectively. HCV cDNAs containing 700 bp C-terminal fragments of C200 (AW-700bp-C) were cloned into M13mp10 and maintained in host DH5 $\alpha$ -F'; cloning was into the vector polylinker site. The resultant phage were pooled, and deposited with the 35 ATCC on September 11, 1990 as AW-700bp-N or AW-700bp-C.

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HCV cDNA from J1 equivalent to the 5-1-1 region of HCV1 was cloned into mp19 R1 site, and maintained in DH5 $\alpha$ -F'. Several m13 phage superanants from this cloning were pooled and deposited with the ATCC as J1 5-1-1, on September 11, 1990. The HCV cDNAs may be obtained from the phage by treatment with EcoRI. Accession numbers for J1 5-1-1 and AW-700bp-N or AW-700bp-C may be obtained by telephoning the ATCC at (301) 881-2600.

The above-described cloned material was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC).

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An HCV cDNA library containing sequences of the putative "NS1" region of the J1 isolate was created 15 by directional cloning in  $\lambda$ -gt22. The "NS1" region extends from about nucleotide 1460 to about nucleotide 2730 using the numbering system of the HCV1 prototype nucleic acid sequence, where nucleotide 1 is the first nucleotide of the initiating methionine codon for the putative polyprotein. The cloning was accomplished using essentially the method described by Han and Rutter in GENETIC ENGINEERING, Vol 10 (J.K. Setlow, Ed., Plenum Publishing Co., 1988), except that the primers for the synthesis of the first and second strand of HCV cDNA were 25 JHC67 and JHC68, respectively, and the source of RNA was the J1 plasma. In this method the RNA is extracted with guanidium thiocyanate at a low temperature. The RNA is then converted to full length cDNA, which is cloned in a defined orientation relative to the <u>lacZ</u> promoter in  $\lambda$ -30 phage. Using this method, the HCV cDNAs to J1 RNA were inserted into the NotI site of  $\lambda\text{-gt22}$ . The presence of "NS1" sequences in the library was detected using as probe, Alx54.

The sequence of a region of "NS1" downstream from the region shown in Figure 14, but which overlaps the region by about 20 nucleotides, was determined using the assymetric sequencing technique described above, but substituting as primers for PCR amplification, Alx 61 and Alx 62. The resulting sequence is shown in Figure 17. (It should be noted that the PCR amplification was of a region from about nucleotide 1930 to about nucleotide 2340; this region is also encompassed in the sequence shown in Figure 15). The sequences of the primers and probes used to obtain the HCV cDNA library in  $\lambda$ -gt22, and to sequence the portion of the "NS1" region were the following.

JHC 67

15 5' GACGC GGCCG CCTCC GTGTC CAGCG CGT 3'

JHC 68

5' CGTGC GGCCG CAAGA CTGCT AGCCG AGGT 3'

<u>ALX 61</u>

5' ACCTG CCACT GTGTA GTGGT CAGCA GTAAC 3'

20 <u>ALX 62</u>

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5' ACGGA CGTCT TCGTC CTTAACAATA CCAGG 3'

<u>ALX 54</u>

5' GAACT TTGCG ATCTG GAAGACAGGG ACAGG 3'

A 400 bp fragment of J1 HCV cDNA derived from the sequenced region was cloned into pGEM3z and maintained in HB101; the HCV cDNA may be removed from the vector with SacI and XbaI. Host cells transformed with the vector (JH-400bp) have been deposited with the ATCC.

A pooled cDNA library was created from the J1

30 serum; the pooled library spans the J1 genome and is identified as HCV-J1 λ gt22. The pooled cDNA library was created by pooling aliquots of 11 individual cDNA libraries, which had been prepared using the directional cloning technique described above, except that the

35 libraries were created from primers which were designed

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to yield HCV cDNAs which spanned the genome. The primers were derived from the sequence of HCV1, and included JHC 67 and JHC 68. The HCV cDNAs were inserted into the NotI site of  $\lambda$ -gt22. The pooled cDNA library, HCV-J1  $\lambda$  gt22, has been deposited with the ATCC.

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The sequence of a region of the polynucleotide upstream of that shown in Figure 14 was determined. This region begins at nucleotide -267 with respect to the HCV-1 (See Figure 12) and extends for 560 nucleotides. Sequencing was accomplished by preparing HCV cDNA from RNA extracted from J1 serum, and amplifying the HCV cDNA using the PCR method.

RNA was extracted from 100  $\mu$ l of serum following treatment with proteinase K and sodium dodecylsulfate (SDS). The samples were extracted with phenol-chloroform, and the RNA precipitated with ethanol.

HCV cDNA from the J1 isolate was prepared by denaturing the precipitated RNA with 0.01M MeHgOH; after ten minutes at room temperature, 2-mercaptoethanol was added to sequester the mercury ions. Immediately, the mix for the first strand of cDNA synthesis was added, and incubation was continued for 1 hr at 37°C. conditions for the synthesis of the anti-sense strand were the following: 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 75 mM KCl, 3 mM MgCl $_2$ , 10 mM dithiothreitol, 500 $\mu$ M each deoxynucleotide triphosphate, 250 pmol specific antisense cDNA primer r25, 250 units MMLV reverse transcriptase. In order to synthesize the second strand (sense), the synthesis reaction components were added, and incubated for one hour at 14°C. The components for the second strand reaction were as follows: 14 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 68 mM KCl, 7.5 mM ammonium sulfate, 3.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2.8 mM

dithiothreitol, 25 units DNA polymerase I, and one unit

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RNase H. The reactions were terminated by heating the samples to 95°C for 10 minutes, followed by cooling on ice.

The HCV cDNA was amplified by two rounds of The first round was accomplished using 20  $\mu$ l of the cDNA mix. The conditions for the PCR reaction were as follows: 10 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl, 0.002% gelating, 200 mM each of the deoxynucleotide triphosphates, and 2.5 units Amplitag. The PCR thermal cycle was as follows: 94°C one minute, 50°C one minute, 10 72°C one minute, repeated 40 times followed by seven minutes at 72°C. The second round of PCR was accomplished using nested primers (i.e. primers which bound to an internal region of the first round of PCR 15 amplified product) to increase the specificity of the PCR products. One percent of the first PCR reaction was amplified essentially as the first round, except that the primers were substituted, and the second step in the PCR reaction was at 60°C instead of 50°C. The primers used 20 for the first round of PCR were ALX90 and r14. The primers used for the second round of PCR were r14 and p14.

The sequences of the primers for the synthesis of HCV cDNA and for the PCR method were the following.

5' ACC TTA CCC AAA TTG CGC GAC CTA 3' ALX90

5' CCA TGA ATC ACT CCC CTG TGA GGA ACT A 3'

5' GGG CCC CCAG CTA GGC CGA GA 3'

5' AAC TAC TGT CTT CAC GCA GAA AGC 3'
The PCR products were gel purified, the
material which migrated as having about 615 bp was

isolated, and sequenced by a modification of the Sanger dideoxy chain termination method, using \$^{32}P-ATP\$ as label. In the modified method, the sequence replication was primed using P32 and R31 as primers; the double stranded DNA was melted for 3 minutes at 95°C prior to replication, and the synthesis of labeled dideoxy terminated polynucleotides was catalyzed by Bst polymerase (obtained from BioRad Corp.), according to the manufacturer's directions. The sequencing was performed using 500ng to 1 \$\mu\$g of PCR product per sequencing reaction.

The primers P32 (sense) and R31 (antisense) were derived from nucleotides -137 to -115 and from nucleotides 192 to 173, respectively, of the HCV1 sequence. The sequences of the primers are the following.

P32 primer

5' AAC CCG CTC AAT GCC TGG AGA TT 3'

5' GGC CGX CGA GCC TTG GGG AT 3' where X = A or G

The sequence of the region in the J1 isolate which encompasses the 5'-untranslated region as well as a part of the region of the putative "Core" is shown in Figure 18. In the figure, amino acids encoded in the J1 sequence are shown above the nucleotide sequence. The sequence of the prototype HCV1 is shown below the J1 sequence; the dashes indicate sequence homology with J1. The differing amino acids encoded in the HCV1 sequence

An HCV cDNA fragment which is a representative of the 600 bp J1 sequence described above (TC 600bp) was cloned into pGEM3Z and maintained in host HB101; the HCV

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cDNA fragment may be removed with SacI and XbaI. This material is on deposit with the ATCC.

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Deposited Materials Accession Number Deposit Date BP-2593 E. coli DH5/pS1-8791a 9/15/1989 (This clone contains 427 bp of the HS5 domain of J1) E. coli HB101/pU1-1216c BP-2594 9/15/1989 (This clone contains 351 bp of the E/NS1 domains of J1) 10 E. coli HB101/pU1-4652d BP-2595 9/15/1989 (This clone contains 583 bp of the NS3 domain of J1) E.coli DH5a/pS1-713c BP-2637 11/1/1989 (This clone contains 580 bp of the E domain of J1) E. coli DH5a/pS7-28c BP-2638 11/1/1989 15 (This clone contains 552 bp of the C/E domain of J7) BP3081 8/30/90 E. coli DH5α/ps1-1519

The following vectors described in the Examples
20 were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection
(ATCC), 12301 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, Maryland 20852,
and have been assigned the following Accession Numbers.
The deposits were made under the terms of the Budapest
Treaty.

25	Deposited Materials	Accession Number	<u>Deposit Date</u>
	TC-600BP (in		
	E. coli HB101/pGEM3Z)	68393	9/11/90
	JH-400bp (in		
	E. coli HB101/pGEM3Z)	68394	9/11/90
30	AW-300bp (in		
	E. coli HB101/pGEM3Z)	68392	9/11/90
	AW-770bp-N (in		
	E. coli HB101/pM1E)	68395	9/11/90
	AW-700bp-C or AW-700bp-N (in		
35	E. coli DH5a-F'/M13mp	10)	

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J1 5-1-1 (in

E. coli DH5 $\alpha$ -F'/M13mp10)

HCV-J1 λ qt22

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These deposits are provided for the convenience of those skilled in the art. These deposits are neither an admission that such deposits are required to practice the present invention nor that equivalent embodiments are not within the skill of the art in view of the present disclosure. The public availability of these deposits is not a grant of a license to make, use or sell the 10 deposited materials under this or any other patent. nucleic acid sequences of the deposited materials are incorporated in to present disclosure by reference, and are controlling if in conflict with any sequences

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> While the present invention has been described by way specific examples for the benefit of those in the field, the scope of the invention is not limited as additional embodiments will be apparent to those of skill in the art from the present disclosure.

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## CLAIMS

- 5 1. A DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least 15 bp from an HCV isolate substantially homologous to an isolate selected from the group J1 and J7, wherein said nucleotide sequence is distinct from the nucleotide sequence of HCV isolate HCV1.
- 2. A DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least 15 bp encoding an amino acid sequence from the HCV isolate J1 or J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1.
  - 3. A DNA molecule according to claim 2 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence comprises a substantially complete viral polypeptide.
  - 4. A DNA molecule according to claim 2 wherein the J7 amino acid sequence is amino acid 1 to amino acid 115.
- 5. A DNA molecule according to claim 1 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 116 to amino acid 350.
- 30 6. A DNA molecule according to claim 2 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 351 to amino acid 651.

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7. A DNA molecule according to claim 2 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 1007 to amino acid 1650.

- 5 8. A DNA molecule according to claim'2 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 2100 to the end of the coding sequence.
- 9. A purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate substantially homologous to an isolate selected from the group consisting of J1 and J7 wherein the amino acid sequence is distinct from the sequence of the polypeptides encoded by the HCV isolate HCV1.

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10. A purified polypeptide according to claim 9 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence comprises an epitope that is not immunologically cross-reactive with any HCV1 epitope.

- 11. A purified polypeptide according to claim 9 wherein the J7 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 1 to amino acid 115.
- 25 12. A purified polypeptide according to claim 9 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 116 to amino acid 350.
- 13. A purified polypeptide according to claim30 9 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid351 to amino acid 651.
- 14. A purified polypeptide according to claim9 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid35 1007 to amino acid 1650.

15. A purified polypeptide according to claim 9 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 2100 to the end of the coding sequence.

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- 16. A polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate selected from the group consisting of J1 and J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1 and the polypeptide is immobilized on a solid support.
- 17. An immunoassay for detecting the presence of anti-HCV antibodies in a test sample comprising:

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(a) incubating the test sample under conditions that allow the formation of antigenantibody complexes with an antigenic polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate selected from the group consisting of J1 and J7, wherein the amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; and (b) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is not immunologically cross-reactive with HCV1; and

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- (b) detecting an antigen-antibody complex comprising the antigenic polypeptide.
- 18. An immunoassay according to claim 17 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from a viral domain selected from the group consisting of amino acid sequence from amino acid 116 to amino acid 350, from amino acid 351 to amino acid 651, from amino acid 1007 to amino acid 1650, and from amino acid 2100 to the coding sequence.

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- 19. An immunoassay according to claim 17 wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 1 to amino acid 115.
- 5 20. An immunoassay according to claim 17 wherein the test sample comprises human blood or a fraction thereof.
- 21. A composition comprising anti-HCV

  10 antibodies that bind an HCV epitope substantially free of antibodies that do not bind an HCV epitope, wherein:
  - (a) the HCV epitope comprises an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate selected from the group consisting of J1 and J7;
  - (b) the J1 of J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; and
    - (c) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is not immunologically cross-reactive with HCV1.

22. A composition according to claim 21 wherein the anti-HCV antibodies are polyclonal.

- 23. A composition according to claim 21 wherein the anti-HCV antibodies are monoclonal.
  - 24. An immunoassay for detecting the presence of an HCV polypeptide in a test sample comprising:
  - (a) incubating the test sample under conditions that allow the formation of antigenantibody complexes with anti-HCV antibodies that bind an HCV epitope wherein:
    - (i) the HCV epitope comprises an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate selected from the group consisting of J1 and J7;

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- (ii) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1; and
- (iii) the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is not immunologically cross-reactive with HCV1; and
- (b) detecting an antigen-antibody complex comprising the anti-HCV antibodies.
- wherein the J1 amino acid sequence is from a viral domain selected from the group consisting of amino acid sequence from amino acid 116 to amino acid 350, from amino acid 351 to amino acid 651, from amino acid 1007 to amino acid 1650, and from amino acid 2100 to the end of the coding sequence.
- 26. An immunoassay according to claim 24 wherein the J7 amino acid sequence is from amino acid 1 to amino acid 115.
- 27. A method of producing anti-HCV antibodies comprising administering to a mammal a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate selected from the group consisting of J1 and J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino acid sequence is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1 whereby the mammal produces anti-HCV antibodies.
- 28. A method of detecting HCV polynucleotides in a test sample comprising:
  - (a) providing a probe comprising the DNA molecule of claim 1;
- (b) contacting the test sample and the probe under conditions that allow for the formation

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of a polynucleotide duplex between the probe and its complement in the absence of substantial polynucleotide duplex formation between the probe and non-HCV polynucleotide sequences present in the test sample; and (c) detecting any polynucleotide duplexes comprising the probe.

- 29. A method of producing a recombinant polypeptide comprising an HCV amino acid sequence, the method comprising:
  - (a) providing host cells transformed by a DNA construct comprising a control sequence for the host cell operably linked to a coding sequence for the host cell operably linked to a coding sequence encoding an amino acid sequence from an HCV isolate selected from the group comprised of J1 and J7 wherein the J1 or J7 amino is distinct from the amino acid sequence of HCV isolate HCV1;
  - (b) growing the host cells under conditions whereby the coding sequence is transcribed and translated into the recombinant polypeptide; and
- 25 (c) recovering the recombinant polypeptide.
- 30. A biological material derived from the group consisting of materials deposited under Accession Numbers BP-2593, BP-2594, BP-2595, BP-2637, BP-2638, BP-3081, ATCC No. 68392, ATCC No. 68393, ATCC No. 68394, ATCC No. 68395, and ATCC No. 408884.

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J <b>7</b>	37	ACTO	CCTG	;ATAG	GGTG	CTTG	CGAG	TGCC	CCGG	GAGG
J7	73	TCTC	CGTAG	ACCG	TGC				hr A	
<b>J</b> 7	103	Pro CCT	Lys AAA	CCC T b	CAA G	Arg AGA	Lys AAA	Thr	Lys AAA	Arg CGT
<b>J</b> 7	130	Asn AAC	Thr	Asn AAC	Arg CGT	Arg CGC	Pro CCA	Gln CAG	Asp GAC	Val GTT C b
<b>J7</b>	157	Lys AAG	Phe TTC	Pro CCG T 1 Leu	Gly GGC	Gly GGT	Gly GGT	Gln CAG	Ile ATC	Val GTC T b
<b>J</b> ,7	184	Gly GGT	Gly GGA	Val GTT	Tyr TAC	Leu TTG	Leu TTG	Pro CCG A b	Arg CGC	Arg AGG
<b>J</b> 7	211	Gly GGC	Pro CCC	AGG	Leu TTG	GGT	Val GTG	Arg CGT	Ala	Thr ACT

<b>J</b> 7	238	2/79 Arg Lys Thr Ser Glu Arg Ser Gln P AGG AAG ACT TCC GAG CGG TCG CAA C A b	ero ecT
<b>J</b> 7	265	Arg Gly Arg Arg Gln Pro Ile Pro L CGT GGA AGG CGA CAA CCT ATC CCC A	ys AG
<b>J</b> 7	292	Ala Arg Arg Pro Glu Gly Arg Thr T GCT CGC CGG CCC GAG GGC AGG ACC T	rp GG
<b>J7</b>	319	Ala Gln Pro Gly Tyr Pro Trp Pro L GCT CAG CCT GGG TAT CCT TGG CCC C	eu TC
J7	346	Tyr Gly Asn Glu Gly Leu Gly Trp A TAT GGC AAT GAG GGC TTG GGG TGG G A b END	la CA
J7	373	Gly Trp Leu Leu Ser Pro Arg Gly S GGA TGG CTC CTG TCA CCC CGC GGC T	er
J7	400	Arg Pro Ser Trp Gly Pro Asn Asp FCGG CCT AGT TGG GGC CCC AAT GAC CC c b Thr	Pro
<b>J</b> 7	427	Arg Arg Arg Ser Arg Asn Leu Gly I CGG CGT AGG TCG CGT AAT TTG GGT A	Lys AAG
<b>J</b> 7	454	FIG. 1-2	etc C

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J7	481	Ala	Asp GAC	Leu	Met ATG	Gly GGG	TYP TAC	ATT C C	Pro CCG	CTT C b
J7	508	Val GTC	Gly GGC	Ala GCC	Pro CCC	Leu TTA	Gly GGG	Gly GGC	Ala GCT	Ala GCC
J7	535	Arg AGG	Ala	CTG	Ala GCA		Gly GGT			

J1 1 T discrepancy clone altered aa		Leu CTC	Val GTC	Gly GGC	Ala GCC	Pro CCC	Leu TTA C d Ser	Gly GGG	Gly GGC
29	Ala	Ala	Arg	Ala	Leu	Ala	His	Gly	Val
	GCT	GCC	AGG	GCC	CTG	GCA	CAT	GGT	GTC
56	Arg	Val	Leu	Glu	Asp	Gly	Val	Asn	Tyr
	CGG	GTT	CTG	GAG	GAC	GGC	GTG	AAC	TAT
83	Ala	Thr	Gly	Asn	Leu	Pro	Gly	Cys	Ser
	GCA	ACA	GGG	AAT	TTG	CCC	GGT	TGC	TCT
110	Phe TTC	Ser TCT	Ile ATC	Phe TTC	Leu CTC	Leu TTG A g	Ala GCT	Leu CTG T d	Leu CTG
137	Ser	Cys	Leu	Thr	Ile	Pro	Ala	Ser	Ala
	TCC	TGT	TTG	ACC	ATC	CCA	GCT	TCC	GCT
164	Tyr	Glu	Val	Arg	Asn	Val	Ser	Gly	Ile
	TAT	GAA	GTG	CGC	AAC	GTG	TCC	GGG	ATA
191	Tyr TAC T d	His CAT	Val GTC	Thr ACA	Asn AAC	Asp GAC	Cys TGC	Ser TCC	Asn AAC
, <b>218</b>	Ser TCA	Ser AGC	ATT	Val GTG . 2-	TAT	Glu GAG	Ala GCG	Ala GCG	Asp GAC

245	Val Ile Met His Ala Pro Gly Cys Val GTG ATC ATG CAT GCC CCC GGG TGC GTG
272	Pro Cys Val Arg Glu Asn Asn Ser Ser CCC TGC GTT CGG GAG AAC AAT TCC TCC C d
299	Arg Cys Trp Val Ala Leu Thr Pro Thr CGT TGC TGG GTA GCG CTC ACT CCC ACG
326	Leu Ala Ala Arg Asn Ala Ser Val Pro CTC GCG GCC AGG AAT GCC AGC GTC CCC
353	Thr Thr Leu Arg Arg His Val Asp ACT ACG ACA TTA CGA CGC CAC GTC GAC d
380	Leu Leu Val Gly Thr Ala Ala Phe Cys TTG CTC GTT GGG ACG GCT GCT TTC TGC
407	Ser Ala Met Tyr Val Gly Asp Leu Cys TCC GCT ATG TAC GTG GGG GAT CTC TGC
434	Gly Ser Val Phe Leu Ile Ser Gln Leu GGA TCT GTT TTC CTC ATC TCC CAG CTG  T d
461	Phe Thr Phe Ser Pro Arg Arg His Glu TTC ACC TTC TCG CCT CGC CGG CAT GAG FIG. 2-2

488	Thr ACA	Val GTA	Gln CAG	Asp GAC	Cys TGC	Asn AAC	Cys TGC	Ser TCA	Ile ATC
515	Tyr TAT	Pro CCC	Gly GGC	His CAC	Val GTA	Ser TCA	Gly GGC	His CAT	Arg CGC T
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542	Met ATG	Ala GCT	Trp TGG	Asp GAT	Met ATG	Met ATG	Met ATG	Asn AAC	Trp
569		Pro CCC	ACG		3				`

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J1	16	Ala GCA !!!	Ala GCC	Leu TTA	Val GTG	Val GTG	Ser TCG	Gln CAG	Leu TTA	Leu CTC
Jl	43	Arg CGG	Ile ATC	Pro CCA	Gln CAA	Ala GCT	Val GTC	Met ATG	Asp GAC	Met ATG
<b>J1</b>	70	Val GTG	Ala GCG	Gly GGG	Ala GCC	His CAC	Trp TGG	Gly GGA	Val GTC	Leu CTA G i
Jl	97	Ala GCG	Gly GGC	Leu CTT	Ala GCC	Tyr TAC	Tyr TAT	Ser TCC	Met ATG	Val GTG A i
J1	124	Gly GGG	Asn AAC	Trp TGG	Ala GCT	Lys AAG	Val GTT	Leu TTG	Ile ATT	Val GTG
J1	151	Met ATG	Leu CTA	Leu CTC	Phe TTT	Ala GCC	Gly GGC	Val GTT	Asp GAC	Gly GGG
Jl	178	His CAT AG gg Ser	Thr ACC	CGC	GTG	ACG	Gly GGG A i	Gly GGG	Val GTG	Gln CAA
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J1	205	Gly His Val Thr Ser Thr Leu Thr Ser GGC CAC GTC ACC TCT ACA CTC ACG TCC  T C i Ala
J1	232	Leu Phe Arg Pro Gly Ala Ser Gln Lys CTC TTT AGA CCT GGG GCG TCC CAG AAA
J1	259	Ile Gln Leu Val Asn Thr Asn Gly Ser ATT CAG CTT GTA AAC ACC AAT GGC AGT TC T ii i Ser Leu
Jl	286	Trp His Ile Asn Arg Thr Ala Leu Asn TGG CAT ATC AAC AGG ACT GCC CTG AAC T
J1	313	Cys Asn Asp Ser Leu Gln Thr Gly Phe TGC AAT GAC TCC CTC CAA ACT GGG TTC
J1	340	Leu Ala Ala Leu CTT GCC GCG CTG FIG. 3-2

			9/79 J1 1 discrepancy clone altered aa							
J1	5	Val GTG	Ile ATC	Asp GAC	Cys TGT	Asn AAC	Thr ACA	Cys TGT	Val GTC	Thr ACT
J1	32		Thr ACG	Val GTC	Asp GAT	Phe TTC	Ser AGC	Leu TTG	Asp GAT	Pro CCC
<b>J</b> 1	59		Phe TTC	Thr ACC	Ile	Glu GAG	Thr ACG	Thr ACG	Thr ACC	Val GTG
Jl	86	Pro CCC,	Gln CAA	Asp GAT	Ala GCG	Val GTT	Ser TCG	Arg CGC	Thr ACG	Gln CAG
J1	113	Arg CGG	Arg CGA	Gly GGT	Arg AGG	Thr ACT	Gly GGC	Arg AGG	Gly GGC	Arg AGG
Jl	140	Arg AGA	Gly GGC	Ile ATC	Tyr TAT	Arg AGG	Phe TTT	Val GTG	Thr ACT	Pro CCA
Jl	167	Gly GGA	Glu GAA	Arg CGG	Pro CCC	Ser TCG	Ala GCG	Met ATG	Phe TTC	Asp GAT
Jl	194		Ser TCG	Val GTC	Leu CTA	Cys TGT	Glu GAG	Cys TGT	Tyr TAT	Asp GAC
J1 _	221	Ala GCG	GGC A	Cys TGT	Ala GCT	Trp TGG	Tyr TAT	Glu GAG	Leu CTC	Thr ACG
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J1	248	Pro CCC	Ala GCT	Glu GAG	Thr ACC	Ser TCG	Val GTT	Arg AGG	Leu TTG	Arg
J1	275	Ala GCT	Tyr TAC	Leu CTA	Asn AAT	Thr ACA	Pro CCA	Gly GGG	Leu TTG	Pro
J1	302	Val GTC	Cys TGC	Gln CAG	Asp GAC	His CAT	Leu CTG	Glu GAG	Phe TTC	Trp
J1	329	Glu GAG	Ser AGC	Val GTC	Phe TTC	Thr ACA	Gly GGC	Leu CTC	Thr ACC	His CAC
J1	356	Ile ATA	Asp GAC	Ala GCC	His CAC	Phe TTC	Leu TTG	Ser TCC	Gln CAG	Thr
<b>J</b> 1	383 <sup>.</sup>	Lys AAG	Gln CAG	Ala GCA	Gly GGA	Asp GAC	Asn AAC	Phe TTC	Pro CCC	Tyr TAC
J1	410	Leu CTG	Val GTA	Ala GCA	Tyr TAC	Gln CAA	Ala GCC	Thr ACA	Val GTG	Cys TGC
J1	437	Ala GCC	Arg AGG	Ala GCT	Lys AAG	GCT C	Pro CCA	Pro CCT	Pro CCA	Ser TCG
						e Ala	(=)			
J1	464		Asp GAT	Gln CAA	Met ATG	Trp TGG	Lys AAG	Cys TGT	Leu CTC	Ile ATA
J1	491	Arg CGG	Leu CTA	Lys AAG	Pro CCT	Thr ACG	Leu CTG	His CAC	Gly GGG	Pro CCA G e

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J1	518	Thr	Pro CCC	Leu CTG	Leu CTG	Tyr TAT	Arg AGG A	Leu CTA	Gly GGA	Ala GCC
	,			٠			e Arg	(=)		
J1	545							Leu CTC		
J1	572	Pro CCT	ATA	Thr ACC FIG	AAA	3				·

				di cl	J1 1 discrepancy clone altered aa				Leu Thr C CTC ACC		
J1	8	Arg CGT	Asp GAC	Pro CCC	Thr ACC	Val GTC	Pro	Leu CTT	Ala GCG	Arg CGG	
J1	35	Ala GCT	Ala GCG	Trp TGG	Glu GAG	Thr ACA	Ala GCT	Arg AGA	His CAC	Thr ACT C g Thr(=)	
<b>J1</b>	62	Pro CCA	Val GTC	Asn AAC	Ser	Trp TGG	Leu CTA	Gly	Asn AAC	Ile ATC	
<b>J1</b>	89	Ile ATC T g Ile	ATG	Tyr TAT	Ala GCG	Pro CCC	Thr ACT	Leu TTG	Trp TGG	Ala GCA	
Jl	116	Ara	Met	Ile ATT	Leu CTG	Met ATG	Thr ACT	His CAC	Phe TTC	Phe TTC	
J1	143	Ser TCC	Ile ATC	Leu CTT	Leu CTA	Ala GCC	Gln CAG	Glu GAG	Gln CAA	Leu CTT	
J1	170	Glu GAA	Lys AAA	Ala GCC	Leu CTG	Asp GAT	Cys TGT	Gln CAA	Ile ATC	Tyr TAC	
<b>J1</b>	197	Gly GGG	Ala	TGT	Tyr TAC 3. 5	TCC	Ile ATT	Glu GAG	Pro CCA	Leu CTT	

<b>J</b> 1	224	Asp GAC	Leu CTA	Pro CCT	Gln CAG	Ile ATC	Ile ATT	Glu GAA	Arg CGA	Leu CTC
J1	251	His CAT	Gly GGT	Leu CTT	Ser AGC	Ala GCA	Phe TTT	Ser TCA	Leu CTC	His CAT
J1	278	Ser AGT							Asn AAT	
J1	305	Val GTG	Ala GCT	Ser TCA	Cys TGC	Leu CTC	Arg AGG	Lys AAG	Leu	Gly GGG
<b>J</b> 1	332	Val GTA	Pro CCA	Pro CCC	Leu TTG	Arg CGA	Val GTC	Trp TGG	Arg AGA	His CAT
J1	359	Arg CGG	Ala	Arg AGA	Ser AGT	Val GTC	Arg CGC	Ala	Lys AAG	Leu CTA
J1	386	Leu CTG	Ser TCC	Gln CAA G g Gln	GGG	Gly GGG	Arg AGG	Ala GCC	Ala GCC	Thr ACT
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J1	413	Lys TGT	Gly GGC	Lys AAG FIG.	TAC	CTC				

J7 HCV1	1	AGCCGAGTAGTGTTGGGTCGCGAAAGGCCTTGTGGT
J7 HCV1	37	ACTGCCTGATAGGGTGCTTGCGAGTGCCCCGGGAGG
J7 HCV1	73	Met Ser Thr Asn TCTCGTAGACCGTGCATC ATG AGC ACA AAT C G
J7 HCV1	103	Pro Lys Pro Gln Arg Lys Thr Lys Arg CCT AAA CCC CAA AGA AAA ACC AAA CGT T A A Lys Asn ***
: 		Asn Thr Asn Arg Arg Pro Gln Asp Val
J7 HCV1	130	
J7 HCV1	157	Lys Phe Pro Gly Gly Gly Gln Ile Val AAG TTC CCG GGC GGT GGT CAG ATC GTC T C T
J7 HCV1	184	Gly Gly Val Tyr Leu Leu Pro Arg Arg GGT GGA GTT TAC TTG TTG CCG CGC AGG
J7 HCV1	211	Gly Pro Arg Leu Gly Val Arg Ala Thr GGC CCC AGG TTG GGT GTG CGT GCG ACT T A C G
	238	Arg Lys Thr Ser Glu Arg Ser Gln Pro AGG AAG ACT TCC GAG CGG TCG CAA CCT
HCV1		<sup>A</sup> FIG. 6-1

J7 HCV1	265	Arg CGT A	Gly GGA T	Arg AGG A	Arg CGA T	Gln CAA G	Pro CCT	Ile ATC	Pro CCC	Lys AAG
J7 HCV1	292	Ala GCT	Arg CGC T	Arg CGG	Pro CCC	Glu GAG	Gly GGC	Arg AGG	Thr ACC	Trp TGG
J7 HCV1	319	Ala GCT	Gln CAG	Pro CCT C	Gly GGG	Tyr TAT C	Pro CCT	Trp TGG	Pro CCC	Leu CTC
J7 HCV1	346	Tyr TAT	Gly GGC	Asn AAT	Glu GAG	Gly GGC	Leu TTG GC Cys ***	Gly GGG	Trp TGG	Ala GCA G
J7 HCV1	373	Gly GGA	Trp TGG	Leu CTC	Leu CTG	Ser TCA T	Pro CCC	Arg CGC T	Gly GGC	Ser TCT
J7 HCV1	400	Arg CGG	Pro CCT	Ser AGT C	Trp	Gly	Pro CCC	Asn AAT CA Thr ***	Asp GAC	Pro CCC
J7 HCV1	427	Arg CGG	Arg CGT	Arg AGG	Ser TCG	Arg CGT C	Asn AAT	Leu TTG	Gly GGT	Lys AAG
J7 HCV1	454	Val GTC	Ile ATC	GAT	Thr ACC	CTT	Thr ACA G	Cys TGC	Gly GGC	Phe TTC

FIG. 6-2

J7 HCV1	481	Ala GCC	Asp GAC	Leu CTC	Met ATG	Gly GGG	Tyr TAC	Ile ATT A	Pro CCG	Leu CTT C
J7 HCV1	508	Val GTC	Gly GGC	Ala GCC		TTA	Gly GGG A	Gly GGC	Ala GCT	Ala GCC
J7. HCV1	535	Arg AGG	GCC	CTG	Ala GCA G	CAT				

J1	1	T A	Pro CCG	Leu CTC	Val GTC	Gly GGC	Ala GCC	CCC	TTA	Gly GGG A	Gly GGC
J1	29			Ala GCC	Arg AGG	Ala GCC	Leu CTG	Ala GCA G	His CAT	Gly GGT C	Val GTC
<b>J1</b>	56		Arg CGG	Val GTT	Leu CTG	Glu GAG A	Asp GAC	Gly GGC	Val GTG	Asn AAC	Tyr TAT
J1	83		Ala GCA	Thr ACA	Gly GGG	AAT	Leu TTG C T	CCC	Gly GGT	Cys TGC	Ser TCT
J1	11	0	Phe TTC	Ser TCT	Ile ATC	Phe TTC	CTC	Leu TTG C	Ala GCT C	Leu CTG	Leu CTG C
J1	13	7	TCC	Cys TGT C	TTG	ACC	ATC	Pro CCA C	GCT	Ser TCC G	GCT
J1	16	4	TAT	GAA	GTG	Arg CGC	AAC	GTG TCC	TCC	GGG	Ile ATA C T Leu
J1	19	1	Tyr TAC	His CAT C	GTC	ACA	Asn AAC T	GAC	TGC	Ser TCC C T Pro	

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J1	218	Ser TCA G	AGC	ATT	Val GTG	Tyr TAT C	Glu GAG	Ala GCG	Ala GCG C	Asp GAC T
J1	245	Val GTG CC Ala	ATC	ATG	CAT C	Ala GCC A T Thr	CCC	Gly GGG	Cys TGC	Val GTG C
<b>J</b> 1	272	Pro CCC T	Cys TGC	Val GTT	Arg CGG T	Glu GAG	AAC GG	Asn AAT C	TCC G	TCC G
<b>J1</b>	299	CGT	Cys TGC T	TGG	GTA	Ala GCG	CTC	Thr ACT C	Pro CCC T	Thr ACG
<b>J1</b>	326	CTC	GCG C	GCC	AGG	AAT G	GCC G Gly	Ser AGC AA Lys ***	GTC C	Pro CCC
J1	353	ACT	ACG	ACA	TTA C T	CGA	CGC T	His CAC	GTC	Asp GAC T
<b>J</b> 1	380		CTC	GTT C	GGG	ACG GC Ser	GCT C	Ala GCT A C Thr	TTC	Cys TGC T

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J1	407	Ser TCC G	GCT	Met ATG C C Leu	Tyr TAC	Val GTG	Gly GGG	Asp GAT C	Leu CTC A	Cys TGC
J1	434	, –	TCT	Val GTT C	Phe TTC T	CTC	Ile ATC G Val	TCC	Gln CAG A	Leu CTG
Jl	461	Phe TTC	Thr	Phe TTC	TCG	CCT	Arg CGC A G	CGG	His CAT C	GAG
J1	488	ACA	Val GTA ACG Thr ***	CAG	Asp GAC GT Gly ***	Cys TGC	Asn AAC T	Cys TGC	Ser TCA T	Ile ATC
Jl	515	Tyr TAT	Pro CCC	Gly GGC	CAC	GTA A	Ser TCA A G Thr	GGC	His CAT C	Arg CGC
J1	542	Met ATG	Ala GCT A	Trp TGG	Asp GAT	Met ATG	Met ATG	Met ATG	Asn AAC	Trp TGG
J1	569		Pro CCC T	ACG	GCA A G Thr					
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	н	J1 CV1	1	20 / As Az	79 sn Ti AC To	rp Se SG To	er Pi CG CC C	co Th CC AC T	CG GC A	CA
J1 HCV1	19	Ala GCC G	TTA	GTG	GTG A	TCG	Gln CAG	Leu TTA C G	Leu CTC	Arg CGG
J1 HCV1	46		Pro CCA	Gln CAA	GCT	GTC A	Met ATG T Leu	GAC	Met ATG	Val GTG A C Ile
J1 HCV1	73	Ala GCG T	Gly GGG T	Ala GCC T	His CAC	Trp TGG	Gly GGA	Val GTC	Leu CTA G	Ala GCG
J1 HCV1	100	Gly GGC	Leu CTT A A Ile	GCC	TAC	Tyr TAT TC Phe	Ser TCC	Met ATG	Val GTG	Gly GGG
J1 HCV1	127	Asn AAC	Trp TGG	Ala GCT G	Lys AAG	GTT	Leu TTG C	Ile ATT G A Va	GTG	Met ATG C Leu
J1 HCV1	154	Leu CTA G	CTC	Phe TTT	Ala GCC	Gly GGC	Val GTT C	Asp GAC	GGG C	His CAT G A Glu ***
J1 -1 HCV1	81	ACC	CGC A His	GTG C	Thr ACG C	GGG	Gly GGG A	GTG AGT Ser	CAA	Gly GGC

J1 208 HCV1	His CAC	GTC ACT Thr	Thr ACC GTG Val ***	TCT	ACA	Leu CTC T T Phe	ACG	TCC	Leu
J1 235 HCV1	TTT C C	AGA	CCT A	GGG	GCG	TCC	CAG	Lys AAA C Asn ***	ATT G C
J1 262 HCV1	Gln CAG	CTT	Val GTA A C Ile	Asn AAC	Thr ACC	Asn AAT C	Gly GGC	Ser AGT	Trp TGG
J1 289 HCV1	His CAT C	Ile ATC C Leu	Asn AAC T	Arg AGG C Ser ***	Thr ACT G	Ala GCC	Leu CTG	Asn AAC	Cys TGC
J1 316 HCV1	Asn AAT	GAC	Ser TCC AG	Leu CTC	CAA	ACT C	GGG	Phe TTC GG Trp	CTT
J1 343 HCV1	GCC	Ala GCG G Gly	CTG						
			FIG	. 8-	2				

1	•	ggct	atac	cggc	gact		C TC	A GT	
11	Asp GAC	TGT	AAC	Thr ACA G	Cys TGT	Val GTC	Thr ACT C	Gln CAG	Thr ACG A
38					TTG	GAT			
65				ACG	ACG	ACC	GTG		
92	Asp GAT	Ala GCG T	Val GTT C	Ser TCG C	Arg CGC	ACG	CAG	Arg CGG T	Arg CGA G
119						GGC	AGG À	AGA CC	
146									
173			TCG	GCG					
	11 38 65 92 119	Asp 11 GAC  Wal 38 GTC  Thr 65 ACC  Asp 92 GAT  119 GGT C  11e 146 ATC  Arg 173 CGG	Asp Cys GAC TGT C  Wal Asp GTC GAT  Thr Ile ACC ATC T  Asp Ala GAT GCG T  119 Gly Arg GGT AGG C  146 Lle Tyr ATC TAT C  Arg Pro CCGC CCC	Asp Cys Asn GAC TGT AAC C T  Wal Asp Phe GTC GAT TTC  Thr Ile Glu ACC ATC GAG T  Asp Ala Val GAT GCG GTT T C  Gly Arg Thr C  Gly Arg Thr C  119 GGT AGG ACT C  ATC TAT AGG C A  Arg Pro Ser CGG CCC TCG	Asp Cys Asn Thr GAC TGT AAC ACA C T G  Wal Asp Phe Ser GAT TTC AGC  Thr Ile Glu Thr AC ATC GAG ACG T C C  Asp Ala Val Ser GAT GCG GTT TCG C C  Gly Arg Thr Gly GGT AGG ACT GGC C C ATC AGG TTT CGC C C  Asp Ala Val Ser GAT TCG C C C C C C C C C C C C GCG CC C GCG C C C G C G C C C C G C G C C C C G C C C C G C G C C C C G C G C C C G C G C C C G C G C G C C C G C G C C C G C G C C C C G C G C C C G C G C C C C G C G C C C C G C G C C C C G C G C C C C G C C C C C G C C C C C G C	Asp Cys Asn Thr Cys GAC TGT AAC ACA TGT C T G  Wal Asp Phe Ser Leu GT AGC TTG C T  Thr Ile Glu Thr Thr ACC ATC GAG ACG ACG A TC Ile  Asp Ala Val Ser Arg GAT GCG GTT TCG CGC T C C  Gly Arg Thr Gly Arg GGT AGG ACT GGC AGG C ATC TAT AGG TTT GTG C A  Arg Pro Ser Ala Met CGG CCC TCG GCG ATG C GC	Asp Cys Asn Thr Cys Val  GAC TGT AAC ACA TGT GTC  T G  Val Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp GTC GAT TTC AGC TTG GAT C T C  Thr Ile Glu Thr Thr Thr ACC ATC GAG ACG ACG ACC T A TC G  Ile  Asp Ala Val Ser Arg Thr GAG TC GT T C C  GIle  119 GGT AGG ACT GGC AGG GGC C ACG ACT T C C T  146 ATC TAT AGG TTT GTG ACT C A Ala  Arg Pro Ser Ala Met Phe C GC GC C GC	ggctataccggcgacttcga  Asp Cys Asn Thr Cys Val Thr GAC TGT AAC ACA TGT GTC ACT C T G C C  Wal Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Pro C TTG GAT CCC C T C T  Thr Ile Glu Thr Thr Thr Val ACC ATC GAG ACG ACC GTG A TC G C C T C T  Asp Ala Val Ser Arg Thr Glu C C C T A T  Asp Ala Val Ser Arg Thr Glu C C C T A A TC G C C C T A A TC C C C T A A TC C C C T A A TC C C C	Asp Cys Asn Thr Cys Val Thr Gln C T G C T G ACA  Nal Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Pro Thr GET ACC TT G GAT CCC ACC T C T C T  ACC ATC GAG ACG ACC GTG CCC  A TC GAG ACG ACC GTG CCC T C T A T  Asp Asp Ala Val Ser Arg Thr Gln Arg GAT GCG GTT TCG CGC ACG CAG CGG T C C T A T  Asp Arg Thr Gly Arg Gly Arg Arg C A CC Lys Pro  Arg Pro Ser Ala Met Phe Asp Ser C GG CC GC GCG Arg TTC GAT TCT C C GC GCC GTT TCT C C GCC GCC GTT C C GCC GCC GCT C GCC GCC GCC GCT C GCC GCC GCT C GCC GCC GCC GCT C GCC GCC GCC GCC  Asp Arg Ser CCA GGA CCA GCA CCA CCCA C

# FIG. 9-1

J1 HCV1	200	Val GTC	Leu CTA C	Cys TGT	Glu GAG	Cys TGT C	Tyr TAT	Asp GAC	Ala GCG A	Gly GGC
J1 HCV1	227	_	Ala GCT	Trp TGG	Tyr TAT	Glu GAG	Leu CTC	Thr ACG	Pro CCC	Ala GCT C
J1 HCV1	254		Thr ACC T	Ser TCG A A Thr	GTT	AGG	Leu TTG C A	Arg CGG A	Ala GCT G	Tyr TAC
J1 HCV1	281	Leu CTA A G Met		ACA	Pro CCA G	GGG	Leu TTG C T	Pro CCC	Val GTC G	Cys TGC
J1 HCV1	308	Gln CAG	Asp GAC	His CAT	Leu CTG T	Glu GAG A	Phe TTC T	Trp TGG	Glu GAG	Ser AGC G Gly
J1 HCV1	335		Phe TTC T	Thr ACA	Gly GGC	Leu CTC	Thr ACC T	His CAC T	Ile ATA	Asp GAC T
J1 HCV1	362	Ala GCC	His CAC	TTC	Leu TTG C A	Ser TCC	Gln CAG	Thr ACT A	Lys AAG	Gln CAG
J1 HCV1	389		Gly GGA G	GAC G Glu	AAC	TTC C T Leu	CCC	Tyr TAC	Leu CTG	Val GTA

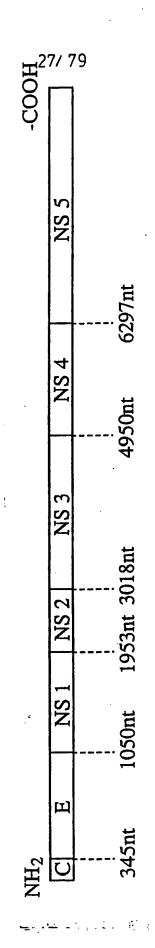
J1 HCV1	416	Ala Ty GCA TA G	r Gln C CAA	Ala GCC	Thr ACA C	GTG	Cys TGC	Ala GCC T	Arg AGG
J1 HCV1	443	Ala Ly GCT AA C Gl	G GCT A C	CCA	CCT	Pro CCA	Ser TCG	Trp TGG	Asp GAT C
J1 HCV1	470	Gln Me CAA AT G	t Trp G TGG	Lys AAG	Cys TGT	Leu CTC T G	ATA	Arg CGG C	Leu CTA C
J1 HCV1	497	Lys Pr AAG CC	r acg	CTG	CAC	Gly GGG	Pro CCA	Thr ACG A	Pro CCC
••.	524	Leu Le CTG CT	G TĀT	Arg AGG A	CTA	GGA	Ala GCC T	Val GTC T	Gln CAG
J1 HCV1	551	Asn Gl AAT GA	u Val G GTC A A Ile	ACC	Leu CTC G	ACA	CAC	CCT	Ile ATA G C Val
J1 HCV1	578	Thr Ly ACC AA	A taca	tcato	_	tgca	tgtc		

				J1 HCV1			1			eu Thr
J1 HCV1	8	Arg CGT	Asp GAC	Pro CCC T	ACC	Val GTC AC Thr ***	Pro CCC	Leu CTT C	Ala GCG	Arg CGG A A
J1 HCV1	35	Ala GCT	Ala GCG	Trp TGG	Glu GAG	Thr ACA	Ala GCT A	Arg AGA	His CAC	Thr ACT
J1 HCV1	62	Pro CCA	Val GTC	Asn AAC T	Ser TCC	Trp TGG	Leu CTA	Gly GGC	Asn AAC	Ile ATC A
J1 HCV1	89	Ile ATC	ATG	Tyr TAT T Phe	Ala GCG C	Pro CCC	Thr ACT A	TTG	Trp TGG	Ala GCA G
J1 HCV1	116	Arg AGG	Met ATG	Ile ATT A	Leu CTG	Met ATG	Thr ACT C	His CAC T	Phe TTC	Phe TTC T
J1 HCV1	143	Ser TCC AG	Ile ATC G Val	CTT	Leu CTA A Ile	Ala GCC	CAG AG	Glu GAG C Asp	Gln CAA G	Leu CTT
J1 HCV1	170	Glu GAA	Lys AAA C G Gln ***	Ala GCC	Leu CTG C	Asp GAT	TGT	Gln CAA G G Glu ***	Ile ATC	Tyr TAC
FIG. 10-1										

J1 HCV1	197	Gly GGG	Ala GCC	26 / Cys TGT C	79 Tyr TAC	Ser TCC	Ile ATT A	Glu GAG A	Pro CCA	Leu CTT
J1 HCV1	224	Asp GAC T	Leu CTA	Pro CCT	Gln CAG CA Pro ***	ATC	Ile ATT	Glu GAA C Gln ***	Arg CGA A	Leu CTC
J1 HCV1	251	His CAT	Gly GGT C	Leu CTT C	Ser AGC	Ala GCA	Phe TTT	Ser TCA	Leu CTC	His CAT C
J1 HCV1	278		Tyr TAC	Ser TCT	Pro CCA	Gly GGT	Glu GAG A	Ile ATC T	Asn AAT	Arg AGG
J1 HCV1	305	Val GTG	GCT	Ser TCA G Ala	Cys TGC	Leu CTC	Arg AGG A	Lys AAG A	Leu CTT	Gly GGG
J1 HCV1	332	Val GTA	Pro CCA G	Pro CCC	Leu TTG	Arg CGA	Val GTC CT Ala ***	Trp TGG	Arg AGA	His CAT C
J1 HCV1	359	Arg CGG	Ala GCC	Arg AGA C G	Ser AGT C	Val GTC	Arg CGC	Ala GCT	Lys AAG G Arg	Leu CTA T
J1 HCV1	386	Leu CTG	Ser TCC G Ala	CAA AG	Gly GGG A	Gly GGG C	Arg AGG	Ala GCC T	Ala GCC	Thr ACT TA Ile ***

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Lys Gly Lys Tyr Leu J1 413 TGT GGC AAG TAC CTC HCV1 FIC 10-3



The nucleotide numbers are approximate FIG. 11

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-267	GCGTCTAGCCATGGCGTTAGTATGAGTGTCGTGCAGC CGCAGATCGGTACCGCAATCATACTCACAGCACGTCG	CTCCAGG GAGGTCC
-223	ACCCCCCTCCCGGGAGAGCCATAGTGGTCTGCGGAA TGGGGGGGAGGGCCCTCTCGGTATCACCAGACGCCTT	CCGGTGA GGCCACT
-179	GTACACCGGAATTGCCAGGACGACCGGGTCCTTTCTT CATGTGGCCTTAACGGTCCTGCTGGCCCAGGAAAGAA	GGATCAA CCTAGTT
-135	CCCGCTCAATGCCTGGAGATTTGGGCGTGCCCCCGCA GGGCGAGTTACGGACCTCTAAACCCGCACGGGGGCGT	AGACTGC TCTGACG
-91	TAGCCGAGTAGTGTTGGGTCGCGAAAGGCCTTGTGGT ATCGGCTCATCACAACCCAGCGCTTTCCGGAACACCA	ACTGCCT TGACGGA
-47	GATAGGGTGCTTGCGAGTGCCCCGGGAGGTCTCGTAG CTATCCCACGAACGCTCACGGGGCCCTCCAGAGCATC	ACCGTGC TGGCACG
-3	ACC -1 TGG	
1	Met Ser Thr Asn Pro Lys Pro Gln Lys Ly ATG AGC ACG AAT CCT AAA CCT CAA AAA AA TAC TCG TGC TTA GGA TTT GGA GTT TTT TI	A AAC
34	Lys Arg Asn Thr Asn Arg Arg Pro Gln As AAA CGT AAC ACC AAC CGT CGC CCA CAG GA TTT GCA TTG TGG TTG GCA GCG GGT GTC CT	C GTC
67	Lys Phe Pro Gly Gly Gly Gln Ile Val Gl AAG TTC CCG GGT GGC GGT CAG ATC GTT GG TTC AAG GGC CCA CCG CCA GTC TAG CAA CC	GGA

100	CTT	TAC	TTG	TTG	CCG	CGC	AGG	GGC	CCT	Arg AGA TCT	TTG
133	GGT	GTG	CGC	GCG	ACG	AGA	AAG	ACT	TCC	Glu GAG CTC	CGG
166	TCG	CAA	CCT	CGA	GGT	AGA	CGT	CAG	CCT	Ile ATC TAG	CCC
199	AAG	GCT	CGT	CGG	CCC	GAG	GGC	AGG	ACC	Trp TGG ACC	GCT
232	CAG	CCC	GGG	TAC	CCT	TGG	CCC	CTC	TAT	Gly GGC CCG	AA'I'
265	GAG	GGC	TGC	GGG	TGG	GCG	GGA	TGG	CTC	Leu CTG GAC	TCT
298	CCC	CGT	GGC	TCT	CGG	CCT	AGC	TGG	GGC	Pro CCC GGG	ACA
331	GAC	CCC	CGG	CGT	AGG	TCG	CGC	AAT	TTG	Gly GGT CCA	AAG
364	GTC	ATC	GAT	ACC TGG	CTT	ACG TGC	TGC ACG	GGC	TTC	Ala GCC CGG	GAC
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397	CTC	ATG	GGG	TAC	ATA	Pro CCG GGC	CTC	GTC	GGC	GCC	Pro CCT GGA
430	CTT	GGA	GGC	GCT	GCC	Arg AGG TCC	GCC	CTG	GCG	CAT	Gly GGC CCG
463	GTC	CGG	GTT	CTG	GAA	Asp GAC CTG	GGC	GTG	AAC	TAT	GCA
<b>496</b>	ACA	GGG	AAC	CTT	CCT	Gly GGT CCA	TGC	TCT	TTC	TCT	ATC
529	TTC	CTT	CTG	GCC	CTG	Leu CTC GAG	TCT	TGC	TTG	ACT	GTG
562	CCC	GCT	TCG	GCC	TAC	Gln CAA GTT	GTG	CGC	AAC	TCC	ACG
595	GGĜ	CTT	TĀC	CAC	GTC	Thr ACC TGG	AAT	GAT	TGC	CCT	AAC
628	TCG	AGT	ATT	GTG	TAC	Glu GAG CTC	GCG	GCC	GAT	GCC	ATC
661	CTG	CAC	ACT	CCG	GGG	Cys TGC ACG	GTC CAG	CCT	TGC	GTT	CGT

694	GAG	Gly GGC CCG	AAC	GCC	TCG	AGG	TGT	TGG	GTG	GCG	ATG
727	ACC	Pro CCT GGA	ACG	GTG	GCC	ACC	AGG	GAT	GGC	AAA	CTC
760	CCC	Ala GCG CGC	ACG	CAG	CTT	CGA	CGT	CAC	ATC	GAT	CTG
793	CTT	Val GTC CAG	GGG	AGC	GCC	ACC	CTC	TGT	TCG	GCC	CTC
826	TAC	Val GTG CAC	GGG	GAC	CTA	TGC	GGG	TCT	GTC	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	CTT
859	GTC	GGC	CAA	CTG	TTC	ACC	TTC	TCT	CCC	AGG	Arg CGC GCG
892	CAC	Trp TGG ACC	ACG	ACG	CAA	GGT	TGC	AAT	TGC	TCT	ATC
925	TAT	Pro CCC GGG	GGC	CAT	ATA	ACG	GGT	CAC	CGC	ATG	GCA
958	TGG	Asp GAT CTA	ATG	ATG TAC	ATG TAC	AAC	TGG ACC	TCC	CCT	ACG	ACG

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991	GCG	Leu TTG AAC	GTA	ATG	GCT	CAG	CTG	CTC	CGG	ATC	CCA
1024	CAA	Ala GCC CGG	ATC	TTG	GAC	ATG	ATC	GCT	GGT	GCT	CAC
1057	TGG	Gly GGA CCT	GTC	CTG	GCG	GGC	ATA	GCG	TAT	TTC	TCC
1090	ATG	Val GTG CAC	GGG	AAC	TGG	GCG	AAG	GTC	CTG	GTA	GTG
1123	CTG	Leu CTG GAC	CTA	TTT	GCC	GGC	GTC	GAC	GCG	GAA	ACC
1156	CAC	Val GTC CAG	ACC	GGG	GGA	AGT	GCC	-GGC	CAC	ACT	GTG
1189	TCT	Gly GGA CCT	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GTT	AGC	CTC	CTC	GCA	CCA	GGC	GCC
1222	AAG	Gln CAG GTC	AAC	GTC	CAG	CTG	ATC	AAC	ACC	AAC	GGC
1255	AGT	Trp TGG ACC	CAC	CTC GAG	AAT TTA	AGC	ACG TGC	GCC	CTG	AAC	TGC
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1288	አ አጥ	CAT	AGC	CTC	AAC	ACC	GGC	TGG	Leu TTG AAC	GCA	GGG
1321	ተ	ጥርጥ	ATC	ACC	ACA	AGT	TCA	ACT	Ser CTT AGA	CAG	GCT
1354	CTC	CTG	AGA	GGC	TAG	CCA	GCT	GCC	Arg GAC GCT	CCC	CTT
1387	ACC	GAT	TTT	GAC	CAG	GGC	TGG	GGC	Pro CCT GGA	ATC	AGT
1420	TAT	GCC	AAC	GGA	AGC	GGC	CCC	GAC	Gln CAG GTC	CGC	CCC
1453	TAC	TGC	TGG	CAC	TAC	CCC	CCA	AAA.	Pro CCT GGA	TGC	GGT
1486	ΑͲͲ	GTG	CCC	GCG	AAG	AGT	GTG	TGT	Gly GGT CCA	CCG	GTA
1519	TĀT	TGC	TTC	ACT	CCC	AGC	CCC	GTG	Val GTG CAC	GTG	GGA
1552	ACG	ACC	GAC	AGG TCC	TCG AGC	GGC	GCG	CCC	Thr ACC TGG	TAC	AGC
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1585	TGG	GGT	GAA	AAT	GAT	Thr ACG TGC	GAC	GTC	TTC	GTC	CTT
1618	AAC	AAT	ACC	AGG	CCA	Pro CCG GGC	CTG	GGC	AAT	TGG	TTC
1651	GGT	TGT	ACC	TGG	ATG	Asn AAC TTG	TCA	ACT	GGA	TTC	ACC
1684	AĀA	GTG	TGC	GGA	GCG	Pro CCT GGA	CCT	TGT	GTC	ATC	GGA
1717	GGG	GCG	GGC	AAC	AAC	Thr ACC TGG	CTG	CAC	TGC	CCC	ACT
1750	GAT	TGC	TTC	CGC	AAG	His CAT GTA	CCG	GAC	GCC	ACA_	_TAC
1783	TCT	CGG	TGC	GGC	TCC	Gly GGT CCA	CCC	TGG	ATC	ACA	CCC
1816	AGG	TGC	CTG	GTC	GAC	Tyr TAC ATG	CCG	TAT	AGG	CTT	TGG
<b>1849</b>	CAT	TAT	CCT	TGT ACA	ACC TGG	Ile ATC TAG 12-	AAC TTG	TAC	ACC	ATA	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$

1882	AĀA	ATC	AGG	ATG	TAC	GTG	GGĀ	GGG	Val GTC CAG	GAA	CAC
1915	AGG	CTG	GAA	GCT	GCC	TGC	AAC	TGG	Thr ACG TGC	CGG	GGC
1948	GAA	CGT	TGC	GAT	CTG	GAA	GAC	AGG	Asp GAC CTG	AGG	TCC
1981	GAG	CTC	AGC	CCG	TTA	CTG	CTG	ACC	Thr ACT TGA	ACA	CAG
2014	TGG	CAG	GTC	CTC	CCG	TGT	TCC	TTC	Thr ACA TGT	ACC	CTA
2047	CCA	GCC	TTG	TCC	ACC	GGC	CTC	ATC	His CAC GTG	CTC	CAC
2080	CAG	AAC	ATT	GTG	GAC	GTG	CAG	TAC	Leu TTG AAC	TAC	GGG
2113	GTG	GGG	TCA	AGC	ATC	GCG	TCC	TGG	Ala GCC CGG	TTA	AAG
2146	TGG	GAG	TAC	GTC CAG	GTT	CTC GAG	CTG GAC	TTC	Leu CTT GAA	CTG	CTT

2179	GCA	GAC	GCG	CGC	GTC	TGC	TCC	TGC	TTG	TGG	Met ATG TAC
2212	ATG	CTA	CTC	ATA	TCC	CAA	GCG	GAG	GCG	GCT	Leu TTG AAC
2245	GAG	AAC	CTC	GTA	ATA	CTT	AAT	Ala GCA CGT	GCA	TCC	Leu CTG GAC
2278	GCC	GGG	ACG	CAC	GGT	CTT	GTA	Ser TCC AGG	TTC	CTC	Val GTG CAC
2311	TTC	TTC	TGC	TTT	GCA	TGG	TAT	Leu TTG AAC	AAG	GGT	Lys AAG TTC
2344	TGG	GTG	CCC	GGA	GCG	GTC	TAC	Thr ACC TGG	TTC	TAC	Gly GGG CCC
2377	ATG	TGG	CCT	CTC	CTC	CTG	CTC	Leu CTG GAC	TTG	GCG	TTG
2410	CCC	CAG	CGG	GCG	TAC	GCG	CTG	Asp GAC CTG	ACG	GAG	GTG
2443	GCC	GCG	TCG	TGT ACA	GGC CCG	GGT	GTT CAA	Val GTT CAA	CTC	GTC	GGG

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2476	TTG	ATG	Ala GCG CGC	CTG	ACT	CTG	TCA	CCA	TAT	TAC	Lys AAG TTC
2509	CGČ	TĀT	Ile ATC TAG	AGC	TGG	TGC	TTG	TGG	TGG	CTT	Gln CAG GTC
2542	TĀT	TTT	Leu CTG GAC	ACC	AGA	GTG	GAA	GCG	CAA	CTG	CAC
2575	GTG	TGG	Ile ATT TAA	CCC	CCC	CTC	AAC	GTC	CGA	GGG	GGG
2608	CGČ	GAC	Ala GCC CGG	GTC	ATC	TTA	CTC	ATG	TGT	GCT	GTA
2641	CAC	CCG	Thr ACT TGA	CTG-	GTA	TTT	GAC	ATC	ACC.	AAA	TTG
2674	CTG	CTG	Ala GCC CGG	GTC	TTC	GGĀ	CCC	CTT	TGG	ATT	CTT
2707	CAA	GCC	Ser AGT TCA	TTG	CTT	AAA	GTA	CCC	TĀC	TTT	GTG
2740_	CGC	GTC	Gln CAA GTT	GGC CCG	CTT	CTC GAG	CGG GCC	TTC	TGC	GCG	TTA

2773	CCC	CCC	ል ል C	ልጥር	ATC	GGA	GGC	His CAT GTA	TAC	GTG	CAA
2806	አጥር	CTC	<b>Δ</b> ሞር	<b>ልጥጥ</b>	AAG	TTA	GGG	Ala GCG CGC	CTT	ACT	GGC
2839	A CC	ጥልጥ	CTT	ጥልጥ	AAC	CAT	CTC	Thr ACT TGA	CC.I.	C.L.I.	CGG
2872	CAC	TGG	GCG	CAC	AAC	GGC	TTG	Arg CGA GCT	GAT	CTG	GCC
2905	CTC	CCT	GTA	GAG	CCA	GTC	GTC	Phe TTC AAG	TCC	CAA	ATG
2938	GAG	ACC	AAG	CTC	ATC	ACG	TGG	Gly GGG CCC	GCA	GAT	ACC
2971	GCC	GCG	TGC	GGT	GAC	ATC	ATC	Asn AAC TTG	GGC	TTG	CCT
3004	CTT	TCC	GCC	CGC	AGG	GGC	CGG	Glu GAG CTC	A'I'A	CTG	CTC
3037	GGG	CCA	GCC	GAT CTA	GGA CCT	ATG	GTC CAG	Ser TCC AGG	AAG	GGG	$\mathbf{TGG}$
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3070	AGG	TTG	CTG	GCG	CCC	ATC	ACG	Ala GCG CGC	TAC	GCC	CAG
3103	CAG	ACA	AGG	GGC	CTC	CTA	GGĞ	Cys TGC ACG	ATA	ATC	ACC
3136	AGC	CTA	ACT	GGC	CGĞ	GAC	AAA	Asn AAC TTG	CAA	GTG	GAG
3169	GGT	GAG	GTC	CAG	ATT	GTG	TCA	Thr ACT TGA	GCT	GCC	CAA
3202	ACC	TTC	CTG	GCA	ACG	TGC	ATC	Asn AAT TTA	GGG	GTG	TGC
3235	TGG	ACT	GTC	TAC	CAC	GGG	GCC	Gly GGA CCT	ACG	AGG	ACC
3268	ATC	GCG	TCA	CCC	AĀG	GGT	CCT	Val GTC CAG	ATC	CAG	ATG
3301	TAT	ACC	AAT	GTA	GAC	CAA	GAC	Leu CTT GAA	GTG	GGC	TGG
3334	CCC	GCT	CCG	CAA GTT	GGT CCA	AGC	CGC GCG	Ser TCA AGT	TTG	ACA	CCC

3367	TĞC	ACT	TGC	GGC	TCC	TCG	GAC	CTT	TAC	CTG	Val GTC CAG
3400	ACG	Arg AGG TCC	CAC	GCC	GAT	GTC	ATT	CCC	GTG	CGC	CGG
3433	CGĞ	Gly GGT CCA	GAT	AGC	AGG	GGC	AGC	CTG	CTG	TCG	CCC
3466	CGG	Pro CCC GGG	ATT	TCC	TAC	TTG	AĀA	GGC	TCC	TCG	GGG
3499	GGT	Pro CCG GGC	CTG	TTG	TGC	CCC	GCG	GGG	CAC	GCC	GTG
3532	GGC	Ile ATA TAT	TTT	AGG	GCC	GCG	GTG	TGC	ACC	CGT	GGA ·
3565	GTG	Ala GCT CGA	AĀG	GCG	GTG	GAC	TTT	ATC	CCT	GTG	GAG
3598	AAC	Leu CTA GAT	GAG	ACA	ACC	ATG	AGG	TCC	CCG	GTG	TTC
<b>3631</b>	ACG	Asp GAT CTA	AAC	TCC AGG	TCT AGA	CCA	CCA GGT	GTA	GTG	CCC	CAG

3664	AGC	ттС	CAG	GTG	GCT	CAC	CTC	His CAT GTA	GCT	CCC	ACA
3697	GGC	AGC	GGC	AAA	AGC	ACC	AAG	Val GTC CAG	CCG	GCT	GCA
3730	ΨĀͲ	GCA	GCT	CAG	GGC	TAT	AAG	Val GTG CAC	CTA	GTA	CTC
3763	AAC	CCC	TCT	GTT	GCT	GCA	ACA	Leu CTG GAC	GGC	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GGT
3796	GCT	TAC	ATG	TCC	AAG	GCT	CAT	Gly GGG CCC	ATC	GAT	CCT
3829	AAC	ATC	AGG	ACC	GGG	GTG	AGA	Thr ACA TGT	ATT	ACC	ACT
3862	GGC	AGC	CCC	ATC	ACG	TAC	TCC	Thr ACC TGG	TAC	GGC	AAG
3895	mmc		CCC	CAC	CCC	CCC	ጥርር	TCG	GGG	GGC	Ala GCT CGA
3928	ጥልጥ	GAC	ልጥል	ATA TAT	ATT TAA	TGT	GAC CTG	Glu GAG CTC	TGC	CAC	TCC

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3961	300	Asp GAT CTA	CCC	ACA	TCC	ATC	TTG	GGC	ATC	GGC	ACT
3994	CTC	Leu CTT GAA	GAC	CAA	GCA	GAG	ACT	GCG	GGG	GCG	AGA
4027	CTG	Val GTT CAA	GTG	CTC	GCC	ACC	GCC	ACC	CCT	CCG	GGC
4060	THE	Val GTC CAG	ACT	GTG	CCC	CAT	CCC	AAC	ATC	GAG	GAG
4093	் போரா	Ala GCT CGA	CTG	TCC	ACC	ACC	GGA	GAG	A'I'C	CCI.	T.I.T.
4126	TAC	Gly GGC CCG	AAG	GCT	ATC	CCC	CTC	GAA	GTA	ATC.	AAG
4159	CCC	Gly GGG CCC	AGA	САТ	CTC	ATC	TTC	TGT	CAT	TCA	AAG
4192	ZAG	Lys AAG TTC	TGC	GAC	GAA	CTC	GCC	GCA	AAG	CTG	GTC
4225	CCA	Leu TTG AAC	GGC	ATC TAG	AAT TTA	GCC	GTG CAC	GCC	T'AC	TAC	CGC

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4258	Gly I GGT C CCA G	المالات	GAC	GTG	TCC	GTC	ATC	CCG	ACC	AGC	GGC
4291	Asp V GAT C	יויין:	GTC	GTC	GTG	GCA	ACC	GAT	GCC	CTC	ATG
4324	Thr G ACC G TGG C	GC	TAT	ACC	GGC	GAC	TTC	GAC	TÇG	GTG	A'I'A
4357	Asp C GAC T CTG A	rgc .	AAT	ACG	TGT	GTC	ACC	CAG	ACA	GTC	GA'I'
4390	Phe S TTC A	AGC	CTT	GAC	CCT	ACC	TTC	ACC	ATT	GAG	ACA
4423 ·	Ile T ATC A	ACG :	CTC	CCC	CAG	GAT	GCT	GTC	TCC	CGC	ACT
4456	Gln A CAA ( GTT (	CGT	CGG	GGC	AGG	ACT	GGC	AGG	GGG	AAG	CCA
4489	Gly 1 GGC 1 CCG 1	እጥር	TAC	AGA	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GTG	GCA	CCG	GGG	GAG	CGC
4522	Pro S CCC 1	דיריר	CCC	ATG TAC	TTC AAG	GAC	TCG AGC	TCC	GTC	CTC	TGT

4555	GAG	TGC	Tyr TAT ATA	GAC	GCA	GGC	TGT	GCT	TGG	TAT	GAG
4588	CTC	ACG	Pro CCC GGG	GCC	GAG	ACT	ACA	GTT	AGG	CTA	CGA
4621	GCG	TAC	Met ATG TAC	AAC	ACC	CCG	GGG	CTT	CCC	GTG	TGC
4654	CÀG	GAC	His CAT GTA	CTT	GAA	TTT	TGG	GAG	GGC	GTC	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$
4687	ACA	GGĈ	Leu CTC GAG	ACT	CAT	ATA	GAT	GCC	CAC	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	CTA
4720	TCC	CAG	Thr ACA TGT	AAG	CAG	AGT	GGG	GAG	AAC	CTT	CCT
4753	TĀC	CTG	Val GTA CAT	GCG	TAC	CAA	GCC	ACC	GTG	TGC	GCT
4786	AGG	GCT	Gln CAA GTT	GCC	CCT	CCC	CCA	TCG	TGG	GAC	CAG
4819	ATG	TGG	Lys AAG TTC	TGT ACA	TTG AAC	$\mathbf{ATT}$	CGC	CTC	AAG	CCC	ACC

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4852	CTC	CAT	GGG	CCA	ACA	Pro CCC GGG	CTG	CTA	TAC	AGA	CTG
4885	GGĈ	GCT	GTT	CAG	AAT	Glu GAA CTT	ATC	ACC	CTG	ACG	CAC
4918	CCA	GTC	ACC	AAA	TĀC	Ile ATC TAG	ATG	ACA	TGC	ATG	TCG
4951	GCC	GAC	CTG	GAG	GTC	Val GTC CAG	ACG	AGC	ACC	TGG	GTG
4984	CTC	GTT	GGC	GGC	GTC	Leu CTG GAC	GCT	GCT	TTG	GCC	GCG
5017	TĀT-	TGC	CTG	TCA	ACA	Gly GGC CCG	TGC	GTG	GTC	ATA	GTG
5050	GGC	AGG	GTC	GTC	TTG	Ser TCC AGG	GGG	AAG	CCG	GCA	ATC
5083	ATA	CCT	GAC	AGG	GAA	Val GTC CAG	CTC	TAC	CGA	GAG	TTC
5116	GAT	GAG	ATG	GAA CTT	GAG CTC	Cys TGC ACG	TCT AGA	CAG	CAC	TTA	CCG

5149	TAC	Ile ATC TAG	GAG	CAA	GGG	ATG	ATG	CTC	GCC	GAG	CAG
5182	TTC	Lys AAG TTC	CAG	AAG	GCC	CTC	GGC	CTC	CTG	CAG	ACC
5215	GCG	Ser TCC AGG	CGT	CAG	GCA	GAG	GTT	ATC	GCC	CCT	GCT
5248	GTC	Gln CAG GTC	ACC	AAC	TGG	CAA	AAA	CTC	GAG	ACC	TTC
5281	TGG	Ala GCG CGC	AAG	CAT	ATG	TGG	AAC	TTC	ATC	AGT	GGG
5314	ΑΤΑ	Gln CAA GTT	TAC	TTG	GCG	GGC	TTG	TCA	ACG	CTG	CCT
5347	GGT	Asn AAC TTG	CCC	GCC	ATT	GCT	TCA	TTG	ATG	GCT	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$
5380	ACA	Ala GCT CGA	GCT	GTC	ACC	AGC	CCA	CTA	ACC	ACT	AGC
5413	CAA	Thr ACC TGG	CTC	CTC GAG	TTC AAG	AAC	ATA TAT	TTG	GGG	GGG	TGG

5446	GTG	GCT	GCC	CAG	CTC	GCC	GCC	CCC	GGT	Ala GCC CGG	GCT
5479	ACT	GCC	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GTG	GGC	GCT	GGC	TTA	GCT	Gly GGC CCG	GCC
5512	GCC	ATC	GGC	AGT	GTT	GGA	CTG	GGG	AAG	Val GTC CAG	CTC
5545	ATA	GAC	ATC	CTT	GCA	GGG	TAT	GGC	GCG	Gly GGC CCG	GTG
5578	GCG	GGA	GCT	CTT	GTG	GCA	TTC	AAG	ATC	Met ATG TAC	AGC
5611	GGT	GAG	GTC	CCC	TCC	ACG	GAG	GAC	CTG	Val GTC CAG	AAT
5644	CTA	CTG	CCC	GCC	ATC	CTC	TCG	CCC	GGA	Ala GCC CGG	CTC
5677	GTA	GTC	GGC	GTG	GTC	TGT	GCA	GCA	ATA	Leu CTG GAC	CGC
5710	CGG	CAC	GTT	GGC CCG	CCG	GGC	GAG CTC	GGG	GCA	Val GTG CAC	CAG

5743	ጥሮር	<b>አጥ</b> ር	AAC	CGG	CTG	ATA	GCC	TTC	Ala GCC CGG	TCC	CGG
5776	CCC	AAC	CAT	GTT	TCC	CCC	ACG	CAC	Tyr TAC ATG	GTG	CCG
5809	GAG	AGC	GAT	GCA	GCT	GCC	CGC	GTC	Thr ACT TGA	GCC	ATA
5842	CTC	AGC	AGC	CTC	ACT	GTA	ACC	CAG	Leu CTC GAG	CTG	AGG
5875	CGA	CTG	CAC	CAG	TGG	ATA	AGC	TCG	Glu GAG CTC	TGT	ACC
5908	ACT	CCA	TGC	TCC	GGT	TCC	TGG	CTA	Arg AGG TCC	GAC	AIC
5941	TGG	GAC	TGG	ATA	TGC	GAG	GTG	TTG	Ser AGC TCG	GAC	Phe TTT AAA
5974	AAC	ACC	TGG	CTA	AAA	GCT	AAG	CTC	Met ATG TAC	CCA	CAG
6007_	CTC	CCT	CCC	ATC TAG	CCC	$\mathbf{T}$	GTG CAC	TCC	Cys TGC ACG	CAG	CGC

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6040	GGG	TAT	Lys AAG TTC	GGG	GTC	TGG	CGA	GTG	GAC	GGC	ATC
6073	ATG	CAC	Thr ACT TGA	CGC	TGC	CAC	TGT	GGA	GCT	GAG	ATC
6106	ACT	GGĀ	His CAT GTA	GTC	AAA	AAC	GGG	ACG	ATG	AGG	ATC
6139	GTC	GGT	Pro CCT GGA	AGG	ACC	TGC	AGG	AAC	ATG	TGG	AGT
6172	GGG	ACC	Phe TTC AAG	CCC	ATT	AAT	GCC	TAC	ACC	ACG	GGC
6205	CCC	ΪĠΤ	Thr ACC TGG	CCC	CTT	CCT	GCG	CCG	AAC	TAC	ACG
6238	TTC	GCG	Leu CTA GAT	TGG	AGG	GTG	TCT	GCA	GAG	GAA	TAT
6271	GTG	GAG	Ile ATA TAT	AGG	CAG	GTG	GGG	GAC	TTC	CAC	TAC
6304	GTG	ACG	Gly GGT CCA	ATG TAC	ACT TGA	ACT	GAC CTG	AAT	CTC	AAA	TGC

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6337	CCG	TGC	CAG	GTC	CCA	TCG	CCC	GAA	Phe TTT AAA	TTC.	ACA
6370	GAA	TTG	GAC	GGG	GTG	CGC	CTA	CAT	Arg AGG TCC	TTT	GCG
6403	CCC	CCC	TGC	AAG	CCC	TTG	CTG	CGG	Glu GAG CTC	GAG	GTA
6436	TCA	TTC	AGA	GTA	GGA	CTC	CAC	GAA	Tyr TAC ATG	CCG	GTA
6469	GGG	TCG	CAA	TTA	CCT	TGC	GAG	CCC	Glu GAA CTT	CCG	GAC
6502	GTG	GCC	GTG	TTG	ACG	TCC	ATG	CTC	Thr ACT TGA	GAT	Pro CCC GGG
6535	TCC	CAT	ATA	ACA	GCA	GAG	GCG	GCC	Gly GGG CCC	CGA	AGG
6568	TTG	GCG	AGG	GGA	TCA	CCC	CCC	TCT	Val GTG CAC	GCC	AGC
6601	TCC	TCG	GCT	AGC TCG	CAG GTC	CTA	TCC AGG	GCT	Pro CCA GGT	TCT	CTC

6634	AAG	GCA	ACT	TGC	ACC	GCT	AAC	His CAT GTA	GAC	TCC	CCT
6667	GAT	GCT	GAG	CTC	ATA	GAG	GCC	Asn AAC TTG	CTC	CTA	TGG
6700	AGG	CAG	GAG	ATG	GGC	GGC	AAC	Ile ATC TAG	ACC	AGG	GTT
6733	GAG	TCA	GAA	AAC	AAA	GTG	GTG	Ile ATT TAA	CTG	GAC	TCC
6766	TTC	GAT	CCG	CTT	GTG	GCG	GAG	Glu GAG CTC	GAC	GAG	CGG
6799	GAG	ATC	TCC	GTA	CCC	GCA	GAA	Ile ATC TAG	CTG	CGG	AAG
6832	TCT	CGG	AGA	TTC	GCC	CAG	GCC	Leu CTG GAC	CCC	GTT	TGG
6865	GCG	CGG	CCG	GAC	TAT	AAC	CCC	Pro CCG GGC	CTA	GTG	GAG
6898_	ACG	ጥርር	Άλλ	AAG TTC	CCC GGG	GAC	TAC ATG	Glu GAA CTT	CCA	CCT	GTG

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6931	GTC	CAT	GGC	TGT	CCG	CTT	CCA	Pro CCT GGA	CCA	AAG	Ser TCC AGG
6964	CCT	CCT	GTG	CCT	CCG	CCT	CGG	Lys AAG TTC	AAG	CGG	ACG
6997	GTG	GTC	CTC	ACT	GAA	TCA	ACC	Leu CTA GAT	TCT	ACT	GCC
7030	TTG	GCC	GAG	CTC	GCC	ACC	AGA	Ser AGC TCG	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GGC	AGC
7063	TCC	TCA	ACT	TCC	GGC	<b>ATT</b>	ACG	Gly GGC CCG	GAC	AAT	ACG
7096	ACA	ACA.	TCC	TCT	GAG	CCC	GCC	Pro CCT GGA	TCT	GGC	TGC
7129	CCC	CCC	GAC	TCC	GAC	GCT	GAG	Ser TCC AGG	TAT	TCC	TCC
7162	ATG	CCC	CCC	CTG	GAG	GGG	GAG	Pro CCT GGA	GGG	GAT	CCG
7195	GAT	CTT	AGC	GAC CTG	GGG CCC	TCA	TGG ACC	Ser TCA AGT	ACG	GTC	AGT

7228	AGT	GAG	GCC	AAC	GCG	GAG	GAT	Val GTC CAG	GTG	TGC	TGC
7261	TCA	ATG	TCT	TAC	TCT	TGG	ACA	Gly GGC CCG	GCA	CTC	GTC
7294	ACC	CCG	TGC	GCC	GCG	GAA	GAA	Gln CAG GTC	AAA	CTG	CCC
7327	አጥሮ	አ አጥ	CCA	CTA	AGC	AAC	TCG	Leu TTG AAC	CTA	CGT	CAC
7360	CAC	<b>አ</b> ልጥ	TTG	GTG	TAT	TCC	ACC	Thr ACC TGG	TCA	CGC	AGT
7393	-GCT-	TGC	CAA	AGG	CAG	AAG	AAA	GTC	ACA.	TTT	Asp GAC CTG
7426	AGĀ	CTG	CAA	GTT	CTG	GAC	AGC	His CAT GTA	TAC	CAG	GAC
7459	GTA	CTC	AAG	GAG	GTT	AAA	GCA	Ala GCG CGC	GCG	TCA	AAA
7492	GTG	AAG	GCT	AAC TTG	TTG AAC	CTA	TCC AGG	Val GTA CAT	GAG	GAA	Ala GCT CGA

7525	mcc	ACC.	CTC	ACG	CCC	CCA	CAC	Ser TCA AGT	GCC	AAA	TCC
7558	776	ЩЩT	CCT	ጥልጥ	GGG	GCA	AAA	Asp GAC CTG	GTC	CGT	TGC
7591	CXT	CCC	ACA	AAG	GCC	GTA	ACC	His CAC GTG	ATC	AAC	TCC
7624	CTC	TGG	AAA	GAC	CTT	CTG	GAA-	Asp GAC CTG	AA'I'	G'I'A	ACA
7657	CCA	ΔͲΑ	GAC	ACT	ACC	ATC	ATG	Ala GCT CGA	AAG	AAC	GAG
7690	CTT	T	TGC	GTT	CAG	CCT	GAG	Lys AAG TTC	GGG	GGT	CGT.
7723	AAC	CCA	CCT	CGT	CTC	ATC	GTG	Phe TTC AAG	CCC	GA'I'	CTG
7756	CCC	CTC	CGC	CTC	TGC	GAA	AAG	Met ATG TAC	GCT	TTG	TAC
7789	CAC	CTC	CUUT	ACA TGT	AAG	CTC GAG	CCC	Leu TTG AAC	GCC	GTG	ATG
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7822	Gly GGA CCT	AGC	TCC	TAC	GGA	TTC	CAA	TAC	TCA	CCA	GGA
7855	Gln CAG GTC	CGĞ	GTT	GAA	TTC	CTC	GTG	CAA	GCG	TGG	AAG
7888	Ser TCC AGG	AAG	AAA	ACC	CCA	ATG	GGG	TTC	TCG	TAT	GAT
7921	Thr ACC TGG	CGC	TGC	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GAC	TCC	ACA	GTC	ACT	GAG	AGC
7954	Asp GAC CTG	ATC	CGT	ACG	GAG	GAG	GCA	Ile ATC TAG	TAC	CAA	TGT
7987	ͲĠͲ	GAC	CTC	GAC	CCC	CAA	GCC	Arg CGC GCG	GTG	GCC	Ile ATC TAG
8020	AAG	TCC	CTC	ACC	GAG	AGG	CTT	Tyr TAT ATA	GTT	GGG	GGC
8053	CCT	CTT	ACC	AAT	TCA	AGG	GGG	Glu GAG CTC	AAC	TGC	GGC
8086	TĀT	CGC	AGG	TGC ACG	CGC GCG	GCG	AGC TCG	Gly GGC CCG	GTA	CTG	ACA

8119	ACT	AGC	TGT	GGT	AAC	ACC	CTC	ACT	TGC	Tyr TAC ATG	ATC
8152	AAG	GCC	CGG	GCA	GCC	TGT	CGA	GCC	GCA	Gly GGG CCC	CTC
8185	CAG	GAC	TGC	ACC	ATG	CTC	GTG	TGT	GGC	Asp GAC CTG	GAC
8218	TTA	GTC	GTT	ATC	TGT	GAA	AGC	GCG	GGG	Val GTC CAG	CAG
8251	GAG	GAC	GCG	GCG	AGC	CTG	AGA	GCC	TTC	Thr ACG TGC	GAG
8284	GCT	ATG	ACC	AGG	TAC	TCC	GCC	CCC	CCT	Gly GGG CCC	Asp GAC CTG
8317	CCC	CCA	CAA	CCA	GAA	TAC	GAC	TTG	GAĢ	Leu CTC GAG	Ile ATA TAT
8350	ACA	TCA	TGC	TCC	TCC	AAC	GTG	TCA	GTC	Ala GCC CGG	His CAC GTG
8383	GAC	GGC	GCT	GGA CCT	AAG TTC	AGG	GTC CAG	TAC	TAC	Leu CTC GAG	Thr ACC TGG

8416	CGT	Asp GAC CTG	CCT	ACA	ACC	CCC	CTC	GCG	AGA	GCT	GCG
8449	TGG	Glu GAG CTC	ACA	GCA	AGA	CAC	ACT	CCA	GTC	AAT.	TCC
8482	TGG	Leu CTA GAT	GGC	AAC	ATA	ATC	ATG	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	GCC	CCC	ACA
8515	CTG	Trp TGG ACC	GCG	AGG	ATG	ATA	CTG	ATG	ACC	CAT	TTC
8548	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$	Ser AGC TCG	GTC	CTT	ATA	GCC	AGG	GAC	CAG	CTT	GAA
8581	CAG	Ala GCC CGG	CTC	GAT.	TGC	GAG	ATC	TAC	GGG	GCC	TGC
8614	TAC	Ser TCC AGG	ATA	GAA	CCA	CTT	GAT	CTA	CCT	CCA	ATC
8647	Δጥጥ	Gln CAA GTT	AGA	CTC	CAT	GGC	CTC	AGC	GCA	TTT	TCA
8680	CTC	His CAC GTG	AGT	TAC ATG	TCT AGA	CCA	GGT CCA	GAA CTT	ATT	AAT	AGG

8713	GTG	Ala GCC CGG	GCA	TGC	CTC	AGA	AAA	CTT	GGG	GTA	CCG
8746	Pro CCC GGG	Leu TTG AAC	CGA	GCT	TGG	AGA	CAC	CGG	GCC	CGG	AGC
8779	Val GTC CAG	CGC	GCT	AGG	CTT	CTG	GCC	AGA	GGA	GGC	AGG
8812	CCT	Ala GCC CGG	ATA	TGT	GGC	AAG	TAC	CTC	TTC	AAC	TGG
8845	GCA	Val GTA CAT	AGA	ACA TGT	AAG TTC	CTC	AAA TTT	C			

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J1 PT	1 C	Ser TCC AG	Leu CTC	AAA	ACT C	Gly GGG C	TTT	CTT T G	Ala GCC A	Ala GCG G Gly
J1 PT	29	Leu CTG T	TTC	TAC	ACA CAC His	CAC	AAG	TTC	Asn AAC	Ala GCG T T Ser
J1 PT	56	Ser TCC A	GGĀ	TGC	Pro CCG T	GAG	CGC	Met ATG C A Leu	Ala GCC	Ser AGC
J1 PT	83	Cys TGT C	CGC	TCC C	ATT C	GAC	AAG G T	TTC	Asp GAC	Gln CAG
J1 PT	110	Gly GGA C	Trp TGG	Gly GGT C	Pro CCC T	ATC	Thr ACC GT Ser	TAT	Ala GCT C	CAA
J1 PT	137	CCT GGA	GAC AG	Asn AAC GG Gly	TCG C C	Asp GAC	Gln CAG	Arg AGG C C	Pro CCG C	Tyr TAT C
J1 PT	164	_	Trp TGG	CAC	TAC	GCA C C Pro	CCT A	CGA AA	Gln CAG CT Pro	TGT
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J1 PT	191	Gly GGT	Ile ATC T	Val GTA G	Pro CCC	Ala GCG	TCG AA	CAG	Val GTG	Cys TGC T	
J1 PT	218	Gly GGT	Pro CCA G	GTG	Tyr TAT	Cys TGC	Phe TTC	Thr ACC T	Pro CCA C	Ser AGC	
J1 PT	245	Pro CCT C	GTT	Val GTA G	Val GTG	Gly GGG A	Thr ACG	Thr ACC	GAT	Arg CGT A G	
J1 PT	272	Phe TTC CG Ser	GGC	GCC	CCT	Thr ACG C	TAT	Asn AAC G Ser	Trp TGG	Gly GGG T	
J1 PT	299	Asp GAC A Glu	Asn AAT	Glu GAG T Asp	ACG	Asp GAC	GTG	CTG T C	CTC	Leu CTA T	
J1 PT	326	Asn AAC	Asn AAC T	ACG	Arg CGG A	Pro CCC A	Pro CCG	His CAC TG <u>Leu</u>	Gly GGC	Asn AAC T	
J1 PT	353	Trp TGG				ACA			CTCA/ er 19	ACTGG 99A	; <u>ATT</u>

Nucleotide Match: 259/367 (70.6%)
Amino Acid Match (stringent): 93/122 (76.2%)
(relaxed): 111/122 (91.0%)

FIG. 13-2

Prototype HCV (PT) sequences different from Japanese HCV (J1) are shown.
Relaxed amino acid match: Gly=Ala=Pro=Ser=Thr,
Asp=Glu, Asn=Gln,
Aug=Lys=His, Leu=Ile=Val=Met, Phe=Trp=Tyr.
Underline, different amino acid in relaxed matching.

FIG. 13-3

0000	+~	MCC		HCV-1
core	EO	NPT	VS.	HCV-I

J1 HCV-1	·			<b>51 V</b>	J. 11			CCG		Val GTC
Jl	11	GGC	GCC	CCC	TTA		GGC	GCT	GCC	
Jl	38	GCC	CTG	GCA	CAT	Gly GGT C	GTC	CGG	GTT	Leu CTG
<b>J1</b>	65	GAG	Asp GAC	GGC	Val GTG	Asn AAC	Tyr TAT	Ala GCA	Thr ACA	Gly GGG
<b>J1</b>	92	Asn AAT C	TTG	CCC	GGT	Cys TGC	TCT	TTC	TCT	ATC
<b>J1</b>	119	TTC	CTC	TTG	GCT	Leu CTG	CTG	TCC	TGT	Leu TTG
J1	146	ACC T	ATC G-G	CCA	GCT	TCC	GCT C	TAT	GAA C	Val GTG
J1	173	CGC	AAC	GTG TCC	TCC A-G	Gly GGG	ATA C-T	TAC	CAT	Val GTC
J1	200	Thr ACA C	AAC	GAC	TGC	TCC	AAC	TCA	AGC	ATT

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J1	443	Phe Le	C ATC	Ser TCC	CAG A	CTG	TTC	ACC	TTC
<b>J1</b>	470	Ser Protection of the service of the	T CGC	CGG	CAT	GAG	ACA G	GTA	CAG
Jl	497	Asp Cy GAC TO -GT Gly	C AAC	TGC	TCA	ATC	TAT	CCC	GGC
Jl	524	T A-	'A TCA	GGC T	CAT	CGC	ATG	GCT	TGG
J1	551	Asp Me	et Met G ATG	ATG	AAC	TGG	TCG	CCC	ACG
J1	578	Ala Al GCA GC A-G	C TTA	GTG	GTG	TCG G-T	CAG	TTA	CTC
J1	605	Arg Il		CAA	GCT	GTC	ATG T	GAC	ATG
<b>J1</b>	632	Val Al GTG GC A-C	G GGG	GCC T	CAC	TGG	GGA	GTC	CTA

FIG. 14-3

Second   S	VO 91/04262				65/	79			. <b>P</b>	CT/US9	0/05242
J1	J1	659	GCG	GGC	CTT A-A	GCC G	TAC	TAT -TC	TCC	ATG	GTG
J1       713       ATG CTA CTC TTT GCC GGC GTT GAC GGG C G G G G G G	J1	686	GGG	AAC	TGG	GCT	AAG	GTT	TTG	ATT G-A	GTG
Trp   His   Ile   Ash   Arg   Thr   Ala   Leu   Ash	J1	713	ATG C	CTA	CTC	TTT	GCC	GGC	GTT	GAC	GGG -C-
J1 767 GGC CAC GTC ACC TCT ACA CTC ACG TCC ACT GTG GGA T-T GTT AG- Thr Val Gly Phe Val  J1 794 CTC TTT AGA CCT GGG GCG TCC CAG AAA C-C GCACC AAG CC Leu Ala Lys Asn  J1 821 ATT CAG CTT GTA AAC ACC AAT GGC AGT G-CG A-CC Val Ile  Trp His Ile Asn Arg Thr Ala Leu Asn J1- 848 TGG CAT ATC AAC AGG ACT GCC CTG AAC C CTC	J1	740	CAT G-A	ACC	CGC -A-	GTG C	<b>ACG</b>	GGG	GGG	GTG AGT	CAA GCC
J1 794 CTC TTT AGA CCT GGG GCG TCC CAG AAA C-C GCACC AAG CC Leu Ala Lys Asn  Ile Gln Leu Val Asn Thr Asn Gly Ser G-C G A-C AAC ACC AAT GGC AGT G-C G A-CC Val Ile  Trp His Ile Asn Arg Thr Ala Leu Asn  J1- 848 TGG CAT ATC AAC AGG ACT GCC CTG AAC C CTCG	<b>J</b> 1	767	GGC	CAC	GTC ACT	ACC GTG	TCT	ACA GGA	CTC T-T	ACG GTT	TCC AG-
J1 821 ATT CAG CTT GTA AAC ACC AAT GGC AGT G-C G A-CC Val Ile  Trp His Ile Asn Arg Thr Ala Leu Asn TGG CAT ATC AAC AGG ACT GCC CTG AACC CTCG	J1	794	CTC	TTT C-C	AGA GC-	CCT A	GGG C	GCG	TCC AAG	CAG C	AAA C
J1- 848 TGG CAT ATC AAC AGG ACT GCC CTG AAC C CTCG	J1	821	ATT G-C	CAG	CTT	GTA A-C	AAC	ACC	AAT	GGC	AGT
	J1~	848	TGG	CAT	ATC	AAC T	AGG C	ACT	GCC	CTG	AAC

FIG. 14-4

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<b>J</b> 1	875	Cys Asi TGC AA	GAC	Ser	CTC	CAA	ACT C	GGG	TTC
J1	902	Leu Ala CTT GCC T-G2	GCG A -G-	CTG T		T	CAC	CAC C	AAG
J1	929	TTC AAC	C GCG - T-T Ser	TCC A	GGA C	TGC T	CCG T	GAG	CGC A-G
<b>J1</b>	956	ATG GCC C-A Leu	AGC	TGT C	A	TCC	C	GAC AC-	AAG G-T
Jl	983	Phe Asp TTC GAO	CAG	GGA	TGG	GGT	CCC	ATC	ACC
J1	1010	Tyr Ala	CAA CAAC	CCT	GAC AGC	AAC GG-	TCG C-C	GAC	CAG
J1	1037	Arg Pro	TAT	TGC	TGG	CAC	TAC	GCA	CCT
<b>J1</b>	1064	Arg Gli CGA CAC AACI Lys Pro	TGT C	GGT	ATC	GTA	CCC	GCG	TCG

J1	1091	CAG	GTG	TGC	GGT	CCA	GTG	TAT	Cys TGC	TTC
J1	1118	ACC	CCA	AGC	CCT	GTT	GTA	GTG	Gly GGG A	ACG
J1	1145	ACC	GAT	CGT	TTC	GGC	GCC	CCT	Thr ACG C	TAT
J1	1172	AAC	TGG	GGG T	GAC	AAT	GAG T	ACG	Asp GAC	GTG
J1	1199	CTG	CTC G	CTA	AAC	AAC	ACG	CGG	Pro CCC A	CCG
J1	1226	CAC	GGC	AAC T	Trp TGG	TTC	GGC	TGT	ACA	

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J1 HCV-1	1	TG G	GC A	AC I	GG T	TC G	GC I	GT A	CA T	rp Met
J1 HCV-1	30	AAT	AGC	ACT	GGG	TTC	Thr ACC	AAG	ACG	TGC
J1 HCV-1	57	GGĀ	GGC	CCC	CCG	TGT	Asn AAC GT- Val	ATC	GGG	GGG
J1 HCV-1	• •	Val GTC -CG Ala	GGC	AAC	AAC	ACC	TTG	ACC	TGC	CCC
J1 HCV-1	111	ACG	GAC	TGC	TTC	CGG	Lys AAG	ACC	CCG	ACG
J1 HCV-1	138	GCC	ACT	TAC	ACA T-T	AAA	Cys TGT C	GGT	TCG	GGC
J1 HCV-1		CCT	TGG	TTG	ACA	CCT	Arg AGG	TGC	TTG	GTT
J1 HCV-1	192	GAC	TAC	CCA G	TAC	AGG	Leu CTC T	TGG	CAC T	TAC

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## C200 region sequence vs. HCV-1

C200 HCV-1	3781	ACA Thr	CTG Leu	GGC Gly	TTT Phe	3799 GGT Gly	GCT	AAT T-C	Met ATG	TCC
C200 HCV-1	3808	እልሮ	CCA	CAT	GGC	ACC	GAC		Asn AAC	AIC
C200 HCV-1	3835	Arg AGA G	ACT	GGG	GTA	AGG	ACC	ATC	Thr ACC	ACA
C200 HCV-1	3862	GGT	GCC	CCC	ATT	ACG	TAC	TCC	Thr ACC	TAT
C200 HCV-1		Arg CGC G Gly	AAG	TTC	CTT	GCC	GAC	GGT	GGT.	Cys TGC
C200 HCV-1		TCC	GGG	GGC	Ala GCC T	TAT	GAC	ATC	Ile ATA	A -TT Ile
HCV-1	3943	TGT Cys	GAC Asp	GAG Glu	TGC Cys	CAC His	TCC Ser	ACG Thr	GAT Asp	GCC Ala
HCV-1	3970	ACA Thr	TCC Ser	Ile	TTG Leu . 16	Gly	ATC Ile	GGC	ACT Thr	GTC Val

HCV-1	3997	CTT Leu	GAC Asp	71/7 CAA Gln	GCA	GAG Glu	ACT Thr	GCG Ala	GGG Gly	GCG Ala
HCV-1	4024	AGA Arg	CTG Leu	GTT Val	GTG Val	CTC Leu	GCC Ala	ACC Thr	GCC Ala	ACC Thr
HCV-1	4051	CCT Pro	CCG Pro	GGC Gly	TCC Ser	GTC Val	ACT Thr	GTG Val	CCC Pro	CAT His
HCV-1	4078	CCC Pro	AAC Asn	ATC Ile	GAG Glu	GAG Glu	GTT Val	GCT Ala	CTG Leu	TCC Ser
HCV-1	4105	ACC Thr	ACC Thr	GGA Gly	GAG Glu	ATC Ile	CCT Pro	TTT Phe	TAC Tyr	GGC Gly
C200	4132	A	AGC	ATC	CCC	ATC	GAG	GCC	Ile ATC	Lys AAG
HCV-1	,		Ala			<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	Va	al	
C200 HCV-1		Lys Gly	Ala Gly	Arg	His CAT	Leu CTC	Ile ATC	Phe TTC	al Cys	His CAT
C200	4159 4186	Gly GGG  Ser	Gly GGA G Lys	Arg AGG A Lys AAG	His CAT  Lys AAG	Leu CTC  Cys	Ile ATC  Asp GAC	Phe TTC.	Cys TGC T	His CAT  Ala GCC
C200 HCV-1 C200	4159 4186 4213	Gly GGG  Ser TCC A	Gly GGA G Lys AAG 	Arg AGGA Lys AAG	His CAT  Lys AAG  Ser TCA	Leu CTC  Cys TGT C	Ile ATC  Asp GAC 	Phe TTC  Glu GAG A	Cys TGC T Leu CTC	His CAT  Ala GCC  Asn AAT

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C200 HCV-1	4267	GTG	TCC	GTC	Ile ATA C	CCA	ACT	AGC	GGA	Asp GAC T
C200 HCV-1		Val GTC	GTT	GTC	Val GTG	GCA	ACA	GAC	GC 4	4316 CTC
HCV-1	4321	ATG Met	ACC Thr	GGC Gly	TAT Tyr	ACC Thr	GGC Gly	GAC Asp	TTC Phe	GAC Asp
HCV-1	4348	TCG Ser	GTG Val	ATA Ile	GAC Asp	TGC Cys	AAT Asn	ACG Thr	TGT Cys	GTC Val
HCV-1	4375	ACC Thr	CAG Gln	AČA Thr	GTC Val	GAT Asp	TTC Phe	AGC Ser	CTT Leu	GAC Asp
HCV-1	4402	CCT Pro	ACC Thr	TTC Phe	ACC Thr	ATT Ile	GAG Glu	ACA Thr	ATC Ile	ACG Thr
HCV-1	4429	CTC Leu	CCC Pro	CAG Gln	GAT Asp	GCT Ala	GTC Val	TCC Ser	CGC Arg	ACT Thr
HCV-1	4456	CAA Gln	CGT Arg	CGG Arg	GGC Gly	AGG Arg	ACT Thr	GGC Gly	AGG Arg	GGG Gly
HCV-1	4483	AAG Lys	Pro	GGC Gly	ATC Ile	TAC Tyr	AGA Arg	TTT Phe	GTG Val	GCA Ala
HCV-1	4510	CCG Pro	GGG Gly	GAG Glu	CGC Arg	CCC Pro	TCC Ser	GGC Gly	ATG Met	TTC Phe
HCV-1	4537	GAC Asp	Ser	Ser	Val	Leu	TGT Cys	GAG Glu	TGC Cys	TAT Tỳr
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	HCV-1	4564	GAC Asp	GCA Ala	73/ GGC Gly	79 TGT Cys	GCT Ala	TGG Trp	TAT Tyr	GAG Glu	CTC Leu
Ç	HCV-1	4591	ACG Thr	CCC Pro	GCC Ala	GAG Glu	ACT Thr	ACA Thr	GTT Val	AGG Arg	CTA Leu
	HCV-1	4618	CGA Arg	GCG Ala	TAC Tyr	ATG Met	AAC Asn	ACC Thr	CCG Pro	GGG Gly	CTT Leu
	HCV-1	4645	CCC Pro	GTG Val	TGC Cys	CAG Gln	GAC Asp	CAT His	CTT Leu	GAA Glu	TTT Phe
	HCV-1	4672	TGG Trp	GAG Glu	GGC Gly	GTC Val	TTT Phe	ACA Thr	GGC Gly	CTC Leu	ACT Thr
· , · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	HCV-1	4699	CAT His	ATA Ile	GAT Asp	GCC Ala	CAC His	TTT Phe	CTA Leu	TCC Ser	CAG Gln
	HCV-1	4726	ACA Thr	AAG Lys	CAG Gln	AGT Ser	GGG Gly	GAG Glu	AAC Asn	CTT Leu	CCT Pro
	HCV-1	4753	TAC Tyr	CTG Leu	GTA Val	GCG Ala	TAC Tyr	CAA Gln	GCC Ala	ACC Thr	GTG Val
	HCV-1	4780	TGC Cys	GCT Ala	AGG Arg	GCT Ala	CAA Gln	GCC Ala	CCT Pro	CCC Pro	CCA Pro
	HCV-1	4807	TCG Ser	TGG Trp	GAC Asp	CAG Gln	ATG Met	TGG Trp	AAG Lys	TGT Cys	TTG Leu
<b>.</b>	HCV-1	4834	ATT Ile	CGC Arg	CTC Leu	AAG Lys	CCC Pro	ACC Thr	CTC Leu	CAT His	GGG Gly
	HCV-1	4861	CCA Pro	ACA Thr	Pro	Leu	Leu	TĄC Tyr	AGA Arg	CTG Leu	GGC Gly
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HCV-1	4888	GCT Ala	GTT Val	CAG Gln	AAT Asn	GAA Glu	ATC Ile	ACC Thr	CTG Leu	ACG Thr
HCV-1	4915	CAC His	CCA Pro	GTC Val	ACC Thr	AAA Lys	TAC Tyr	ATC Ile	ATG Met	ACA Thr
HCV-1	4942	TGC Cys	ATG Met	TCG Ser	GCC Ala	GAC Asp	CTG Leu	GAG Glu	GTC Val	GTC Val
HCV-1	4969	ACG Thr	AGC Ser	ACC Thr	TGG Trp	GTG Val	CTC Leu	GTT Val	GGC Gly	GGC Gly
HCV-1	4996	GTC Val	CTG Leu	GCT Ala	GCT Ala	TTG Leu	GCC Ala	GCG Ala	TAT Tyr	TGC Cys
HCV-1		CTG Leu	TCA Ser	ACA Thr	GGÇ Gly	TGC Cys	GTG Val	GTC Val	ATA Ile	GTG Val
HCV-1	5050	GGC Gly	AGG Arg	GTC Val	GTC Val	TTG Leu	TCC Ser	GGG Gly	AAG Lys	CCG Pro
C200 HCV-1	5077	GCA Ala	ATC Ile	ATA Ile	CCT Pro	GAC Asp	AGG Arg	GAA	Val GTC	CTC
C200 HCV-1	5104	Tyr TAC	Arg CGA	Glu GAG	Phe TTC	Asp GAT	Glu GAG	Met ATG	Glu GAA	Glu GAG
C200 HCV-1	5131	TGC	GCC T-T Ser	TCA CAG Gln	CAC	T-A	CCC	TAC	ATC	GAA
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C200 HCV-1	5158	CAG	GGA	ATG	CAG	CTC	GCC	GAG	Gln CAA G	TTC	
C200 HCV-1		AAG	CAG	AAG	GCG	CTC	GGG	TTG	Leu CTG	CAA	
C200 HCV-1		ACA	GCC	ACC	<b>AAG</b>	CAA G	GCG A	GAG	Ala GCT -T- Val	GCT ATC	
C200 HCV-1		GCT	CCG	TGT GC-	GAG -TC	TCA CAG	ATG -CC	CAC	Ala GCC TGG Trp	TCG CAA	
C200 HCV-1	5266	-AA	CTC Leu	GAG Glu	ACC Thr	TTC Phe	TGG Trp	GCG Ala	AAG Lys	CAT His	
HCV-1	5293	ATG Met	TGG Trp	Asn	TTC Phe	Ile	AGT Ser	GGG Gly	ATA Ile	CAA Gln	TA

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### NS1 Sequence vs. HCV-1

J1 HCV-1	1	Leu Gly Asn Trp Phe Gly Cys Thr Trp G TTG GGC AAT TGG TTC GGT TGC ACC TGG - C
J1 HCV-1	29	Met Asn Ser Ser Gly Phe Thr Lys Val ATG AAC TCA TCT GGA TTT ACC AAA GTG A Thr
J1 HCV-1 Ala	56	Cys Gly Ala Pro Pro Cys Val Ile Gly TGC GGA GCG CCT CCT TGT GTC ATC GGA
J1 HCV-1		Gly Val Gly Asn Asn Thr Leu Gln Cys GGG GTG GGC AAC AAC ACC TTG CAA TGC C CC Ala His
J1 HCV-1	110	Pro Thr Asp Cys Phe Arg Lys His Pro CCC ACT GAC TGT TTC CGC AAG CAT CCG
J1 HCV-1	137	Asp Ala Thr Tyr Ser Arg Cys Gly Ser GAC GCC ACA TAC TCT CGG TGC GGT TCC
J1 HCV-1	164	Gly Pro Trp Ile Thr Pro Arg Cys Leu GGT CCC TGG ATT ACG CCC AGG TGC CTG
J1 HCV-1	191	Val His Tyr Pro Tyr Arg Leu Trp His GTC CAC TAC CCT TAT AGG CTT TGG CAT GG Asp
J1 HCV-1	218	Tyr Pro Cys Thr Val Asn Tyr Thr Leu TAT CCC TGT ACT GTC AAC TAC ACC TTGT A-A Ile Ile

J1 HCV-1	245	TTC	AĀA	Val GTC A Ile	AGG	ATG	Tyr TAC	Val GTG	Gly GGA	Gly GGG
J1 HCV-1	272	GTC	GAG	CAC	AGG	CTG	GAA	GTT	Ala GCT C	TGC
J1 HCV-1	299	Asn AAC	Trp TGG	ACG	CGG	GGC	GAG	CGT	Cys TGT C	GAT
J1 HCV-1	326				AGG	GAC				
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	J1 HCV-1	1	GCGTCTAGCCATGGCGTTAGTATGAGTGTC
	J1 HCV-1	31	GTGCAGCCTCCAGGACCCCCCCTCCCGGGAGAGCC
	J1 HCV-1	66	ATAGTGGTCTGCGGAACCGGTGAGTACACCGGAAT
	J1 HCV-1	101	TGCCAGGACGACCGGGTCCTTTCTTGGATCAACCC
	J1 HCV-1	136	GCTCAATGCCTGGAGATTTGGGCGTGCCCCCGCGA
	J1 HCV-1	171	GACTGCTAGCCGAGTAGTGTTGGGTCGCGAAAGGC
	J1 HCV-1	206	CTTGTGGTACTGCCTGATAGGGTGCTTGCGAGTGC
	•		Met Ser
	J1 HCV-1	241	CCCGGGAGGTCTCGTAGACCGTGCATCATG AGC
	J1 HCV-1	274	Thr Asn Pro Lys Pro Gln Arg Lys Thr ACA AAT CCT AAA CCT CAA AGA AAA ACCG Lys Asn
	J1 HCV-1	301	Lys Arg Asn Thr Asn Arg Arg Pro Gln AAA CGT AAC ACC AAC CGC CGC CCA CAG
	J1 HCV-1	328	Asp Val Lys Phe Pro Gly Gly Gly Gln GAC GTC AAG TTC CCG GGC GGT GGT CAG
	J1 HCV-1	355	Ile Val Gly Gly Val Tyr Leu Leu Pro ATC GTT GGT GGA GTT TAC CTG TTG CCG
<u>;</u>	J1 HCV-1	382	Arg Arg Gly Pro Arg Leu Gly Val Arg CGC AGG GGC CCC AGG TTG GGT GTG CGC
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J1 HCV-1	409	GCG	ACT	Arg AGG A	AAG	ACT	TCC	GAG	Arg CGG	Ser TCG
J1 HCV-1	436	CAA	CCT	Arg CGT A	GGA	AGG	CGA	CAA	CCT	AT'C
J1 HCV-1	463	Pro CCC	AAG	Ala GCT	CGC	CAG	CCC	GAG	GGC	AGG
J1 HCV-1	490	GCC	TGG	Ala GCT	CAG	CCC	GGG	TAC	Pro CCT	Trp TGG
J1 HCV-1	517	CCC	CTC	Tyr TAT	GGC	AAC	GAG	GGC	ATG	GGG
J1 HCV-1	544	TGG	GCA G	Gly GGA 	TGG	CTC	CT 			

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Attachment to PCT/TSA/210 VI. Observations Where Unity of Invention is Lacking

Group T, claims 1-8 and 28 are drawn to various DNA sequences for HCV isolates and a method of their use, classified in Classes 536 and 435, subclasses 27 and 6 respectively.

Group II, claims 9-16 are drawn to polypeptides derived from HCV;

Group TTT, claims 29-30 drawn to method of their expression:

Group TV, claims 17-20 drawn to method of their use in an Immunoassay.

Group V, claims 21-23 are drawn to against HCV isolates;

Group VI, claim 27 drawn to a method of making antibodies:

Group VII, claims 24-26 drawn to a method of using the antibodies.

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### DETAILED REASONS FOR HOLDING LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION:

PCT Rule 13.2 permits claims to "a" (one) product and "a" (one) method of making and "a" (one method of using said product. The invention as set forth in Group I constitutes a combination of a product and a method of its use. The inventions as defined by Groups II and V are drawn to two additional products, Groups III and VI are drawn to additional methods of their preparation and Groups IV and VII are drawn to other methods of their use. The claimed DNA sequences, polypeptides and antibodies are each structurally and functionally distinct from each other and each group requires a different field of search.